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Jan. 20th 1860
Springfield O.

Having now made all arrangements for my departure for Baltimore--thence to sail for Western Africa--I first of all wish here to record my gratitude to Allmighty God for his goodness heretofore--to cast myself as unworthy & helpless upon his mercy & ardently to pray if it be his will to prosper my work & bring me in safety again to my dear wife & children. This I ask in the name of our adorable Redeemer--Amen.

Jan. 21st Saturday

Rose at 2 O clock this morning & after a brief prayer with my dear wife and eldest little girl bade them farewell & repaired to the Depot, where I took the cars for Delaware, expecting to reach my Mother's at Holmesville O. & there to spend the Sabbath. Owing to an accident on the R.R. however I could go no farther than Wooster O. Here I lodged with bro. Baltzley my first Roommate at College & always my firm friend.

Jan. 22nd Sunday

Preached at Wooster for bro. Baltzley.

Jan. 23rd Monday

Accompanied by bro. B. I visited my Mother sisters & bro. who had come home to meet me.

Jan. 24th Tues.

Bade farewell to my dear Mother & other friends & returning to Wooster took the night train for Pittsburgh. Lectured to Rev. Popes School afternoon.

Jan. 25th Wed.

Reached Pittsburgh at daylight & wishing to see a few brethren stopped for the day. It is hard thus slowly to go on my way from my dear family. Could more easily hasten away & at once embark for my field of labor. Lectured at Lutheran Church Pittsburgh & at the close received from those present $17. to purchase a new Silver Watch for the Mission.

Thurs. Jan. 26

Took the cars at 3 O clock for Baltimore & reached that place same night at 7 O clock. Found some half dozen letters from various persons.

Frid. Jan. 27th

Called this morning at Dr. Hall's Office & learned that the Palmas will not sail till about the 10th of next month.

Sat. Jan. 28th

Today I lear(n)ed from Mr. Hall that the Palmas will not likely sail before the 15th & may be delayed even longer than to that time. I

am much perplexed by these repeated delays & disappointments. Have I erred in my undertaking, or in the manner of prosecuting it? Surely there is an over-ruling Providence & what mean these frequent hinderances! O, God My Father direct me in this my perplexity!

Sund. Jan. 29th

Morning addressed the S.S. at Lombard St. Church & preached on the Mission Subject at the same place--The contribution was small. Afternoon spoke briefly to Dr. Morris' S.S. & at night preached in his church--attendance very small-spoke with difficulty & with little apparent effect. Retired with a heavy heart to think of being thus separated from my family & yet accomplishing so little for the cause. If I were conscious of doing something worth while I could bear the trial of separation better--God help me to be patient & resigned & to persevere in the right.

Mon. Jan. 30th

Received a letter from my dear wife this morning--she seems to be somewhat cheerful & all are tolerably well. But I know she feels deeply the separation. My dear little ones too long for my return.

Tues. Jan. 31st

Still at Baltimore--No arrival of the vessel bringing from Eng. the freight which our vessel here is to take in. I feel sad. Wrote to Buehler & Howard, Revs. Senderling, Goodlin, Stewart, Emery, & Mr. Heigerd. Visited Dr. McCron to see about making an effort on behalf of the Mission in his church--He could not give me any encouragement. I am heartily tired of this kind of labor. But I will still try to do my duty.

February 1860.

Wed. 1st

Still at Baltimore making some purchases for the Mission. Wrote home & to Rev. J. H. Booker. Lectured at night in Dr. McCron's Church.

Thurs. 2nd Baltimore—

Made some collections & some purchases of outfit--Wrote to Mr. W. S. Cheyney Agt. Am. S.S. Union Phia. Pa. & to Rev. G. F. Stelling.

Frid. 3rd Baltimore

Making purchases of outfit & material for building.

Sat. 4th

At Baltimore till evening then left for York, Pa. Called on bro. Chas. Morris who not only received me very kindly, but also went with me to the Ministerial brethren to see about my preaching tomorrow in their churches. Lodged with bro. Morris.

Sund. 5th

Morning preached for Rev. Lilly. Afternoon lectured to two S. Schools. Evening preached for Rev. Oswald. I took no collection but each of these brethren as well as Dr. Lochman agreed to make an effort among their people in behalf of our Mission.

Mond. 6th

Went over to Wrightsville to attend Conference--Preached there at night.

Tues. 7th

Still at Wrightsville. Lectured in the evening to colored people & also spoke briefly to the people in our church after one of the brethren had preached--Got a collection of $5.75. Lodged with that very kind bro. Raby.

Wed. 8th

Returned to Baltimore & found a few letters awaiting my arrival--one from my dear wife informs me that our dear bro. James Smith has been very severely perhaps fatally injured by being thrown from a buggy in Cincinnati. How sad I feel in consequence of this intelligence! He has been all along both able & willing to afford aid & support to our aged father & mother, & as they are now very feeble & have not the means of support this occurrence troubles me the more on this account.

Thurs. 9 to Sat. 11th

At Baltimore making purchases of outfit, building material & settling up bills. Sat. This morning had a letter from Susan. Bro. James is better. I hope he may recover. My dear wife wrote so cheerfully that her letters have strengthened me for duty.

Sund. 12.

Preached in the morning in the church at Lutherville & in the evening lectured at the same place & received a contribution of $25. Very good for the small number present. Lodged with bro. Heilig. During the day had a pleasant time at the house of a Quaker, F. S. Corkran. A very agreeable man.

Mond. 13

Returned to Baltimore.

Tues. 14 to Sat. 18th

At Baltimore busy purchasing & shipping (boxing) articles for the Mission & in arrangin(g) accounts & writing letters. Some good letters from my dear wife that have cheered & strengthened me.

Sunday 19th

Evening had a sort of farewell missionary meeting at Dr. Morris' church--only a few in attendance, no collection was taken. Dr. Morris had the management of the meeting--I retired to bed sad & disheartened--not because I as an individual have not been well treated, for I have been very kindly received, & all those business men from whom I have made purchases have all been very obliging, but I have failed to interest the people of our church here generally.

Mond. 20 At Balt.

Tues. 21st

Busy settling bills, getting my boat equippage completed & but (put) on board. Wrote quarterly report.

Wed. 22

Rose early--at Mr. Leisenrings--Franklin House. Put on board

our baggage--Returned to the Office--made out a Report of expenses of all the purchases & shipping--Freight & Fare of Bro. Heigerd & myself--wrote home & to bro. Harrison to whom I sent the Reports. Preached at night in the Lombard St. Church--a rainy evening only a few out. Lodged at Dr. Morris'.

Thurs. 23rd

This morning rose early, wrote a short article for the Observor & a copy of the same for the Missionary; then repaired to the wharf where I took a boat for the vessel, Brig. Palmas--Wrote letters to my wife, Messrs. Martin Buehler, & Rev. J. Z. Senderling, my brother, my mother, & Prof. Stoever. We are now at anchor (11 oclock at night) in the Chesapeak Bay perhaps 15 mis. from Baltimore. Nothing of note occurred today. Mr. Hall the owner of the vessel came on board remained an hour or more, & returned taking my letters. We have only three passengers--bro. Heigerd, bro. Thompson a native of Liberia who returns home, & myself. Our vessel is small only about 178 tons, but is new & apparently strong & safe. Capt. Morgan--First Mate Mr. Scott & Second Mate Mr. Coleman are the officers.

Frid. 24th

This forenoon we lay most of the becalmed near Anapolis. Afternoon, with a light wind came slowly down past that place & the night being very dark & rainy, are now at anchor, awaiting the morning light. I have been reading most of the day. Have written home.

Sat. 25th

Night 9½ oclock. Sailing rapidly, with numerous small vessels about us. Now near mouth of Rappahannock River. Wrote letters today to my wife and each of the two little girls, to Dr. Sprecher, Mr. Tuppan, Mr. Hall, & Annie Selkirk. Have read some.

Sund. 26th

This morning encountering a head wind we put into a place called Mob Jack Bay and anchored to await a favorable wind for going to sea. The wind has been light most of the day--the sky clear & the temperature moderate. At 11 oclock we invited all into the cabin for religious services. Most of them came. After singing & prayer I read a portion of Scripture & commented on parts of it for a brief time--all seemed attentive. I have thought much today of my dear wife & children. O what pleasure would it afford me to see them. But I will try to be contented & happy & go forward in duty with a cheerful spirit.

Mond. 27

Hampden Road's Sewel's Point, at anchor, in view of Old Fort. This evening the Pilot bade us farewell & left us, & as the wind was not favorable for clearing the east we anchored to await a favorable change. I sent by the Pilot what letters I had written--wrote a brief farewell to my dear wife. I do not feel sad but long for home my wife & little ones. How dear they all are to me! We hope to have a favorable wind to leave tomorrow.

Tues. 28

Still at anchor in Hampden Roads--No wind today. Atmosphere clear, dry & warm. The scene today was one of quiet beauty enlivened now & then by the passage of a steamboat. Old Point of Comfort behind which the ship sent out by James the 1st in 1607 & bearing the first Colonists who settled at Jamestown, anchored is in full view & the fortification there seems to be in good order. We can also see at various points along

the coast the houses of the planters, & the slaves owned by these men are seen lifting oysters from the beds between us & the land. One of them brought some to our vessel to sell. The night is calm & quiet & we have little prospect of leaving this place very soon. Have been much interested today in reading Macauley's History of England.

Wed. 29

Still at anchor in Hampden Roads, detained by calms & head winds. A large number of vessels of smaller size are anchored near us awaiting favorable wind. I long to be on our voyage though it is not unpleasant in itself to remain here in quiet water, in agreeable company--with beautiful shores in view & a good selection of books to read. But I think of home & seems hard to remain absent from those there & yet be making no progress towards the place of destination. I have today thought much about my dear departed Samuel--I have longed to see him.

March 1860

Thurs. March 1st

This morning about 11 oclock we took up anchor at Hampden Roads & under a light wind came slowly out of the Bay. Now 9 oclock we are just able to see the light of the Light House on Cape Henry. The sea is a little rough from Eastern winds yesterday. I thank God that we are at last under way, & I pray that his strong hand may protect in the great deep. I can not forget home--I feel deeply for my dear ones there --May they all share largely the Mercies of Heaven.

Frid. 2

Sailing pleasantly all day with a light wind.

Sat. 3

Have had pretty strong wind nearly all day--bro. Heigerd quite sea sick--Saw a sail far off to the South with a large log floating on the surface as we came off from the Gulf Stream. Wind increases now 9½ oclock.

Sund. March 4th

Heavy sea & strong wind all day--Vessel very rough so that we could have no religious services--Could not read much, as the cabin was dark & the decks watery--Course nearly Eastward--Saw a large sail most of the afternoon making nearly the same course as ourselves. We now make 8 or 9 miles per hour. Bro. Heigerd has been too sick all day to sit up. Mr. Thompson a young colored man born in Liberia & now returning home has also been sea sick most of the day. I have been tolerably comfortable. But have thought much of the dear ones at home & of my dear departed boy--my lovely Samuel. Have thought much today of our future meeting in the Heavenly world. God make me faithful that I may indeed go to dwell where he is.

Mond. 5th

Sailing rapidly all day about due east--Sea somewhat rough. Wind strong & cool--

Tues. 6th

Our course is still East as the capt. is anxious to go far in that direction before turning South. Sea quite rough--wind strong & irregular--at times made 11 mis. per hour. Saw a large vessel bound North East.

Wed. 7th

Sea more calm--wind light--sun warm & sky mostly clear--by observation was in Lat. 38°-10' North, Longitude 54°-19' West--Nothing unusual. Read most of the day in Hitchcock's Geology & Macauley's History of Eng. No people have a more bloody & cruel history than the English--Religious persecutions are endless & heartrending. My thoughts are much on home.

Thurs. 8th

Weather a little blustering & rainy--Wind irregular & from the South East so that we made but little progress. This afternoon finishes our first week outside the Bay--On the whole our voyage thus far has been prosperous, for which I thank God.

Frid. 9

Hard winds & rains before daylight--Slight breeze & heavy sea during forenoon. Vessel rocked violently. Afternoon wind moderate from the South so that we are able to keep more South. Temperature moderate so as to allow us to sit comfortably on deck. Reading Geology & History--Finished the first volume of Macauley's History of Eng. What a record of crime cruelty & licentiousness--Truly the English have much for which as a nation they may blush. Her kings and Ministers of State for the most part were during the period over which this volume extends, men of most despicable character. As I thus become wider & wider separated from my dear family I dre(a)m of them & think of them but the more.I long to see them & to dwell with them.

Sat. March 10th

A clear & beautiful day--Strong wind from South East--Our course a little South of east. A sail in sight during the afternoon making much the same course as ourselves. This morning caught in a bucket a very small fish & bottled it--Saw some large fish near us. Our place at noon was Lat. 38°-25'--Lon. 46°-53. Now (9½ oclock) we are running at a pretty fair rate. God be praised for his mercy.

Sund. 11th

A fair wind--a clear day. Had religious services--Afternoon read two or three sermons in a volume of discourses by Rev. F. W. Robertson of Eng. They are unusually good--Clear pointed & untrammelled by any hysteria.

Mond. 12th

Light head wind--Fine weather but little progress--

Tues. 13th

Light winds mostly contrary--

Wed. 14th

Rather cold raw air--Wind very light till evening--Breeze sprung up about 7 oclock evening & we now sail at a moderate rate South. During last two days have seen some five or six vessels at a distance. Today I finished reading Hitchcock Geology. Have read it with more pleasure than any other volume on the same subject, more particularly the latter part on the relation which Geology Sustains to Revealed Religion. The theory that simply separates the announcement in the first verse of Gen. from those following statements in regard to the creation of animals & man is certainly not so objectionable as those formerly held that the six days of Creation are 6 periods of incalculable duration. It only requires then that we understand the account of the creation as relating

to the present order of things & the present inhabitants. Nor is there so much reason for dissent from the theory of a succession of inhabitants or even a gradation of those inhabitants from lower to a higher order if only it is not claimed that the hig(h)er proceed from the lower by transmutation.

Thurs. 15th

Head wind—slow sailing—Two weeks since we left the Bay & notwithstanding our tedious going the last few days we have on the whole been favored. Passed very near a vessel tonight.

Frid. 16th

Strong contrary winds continue—little progress—a fine day—air rather cool. Three vessels in sight one large ship came very near in speaking distance almost but did not hail us. Then tacking held another course.

Sat. 17th

Unfavorable winds.

Sund. 18th

A beautiful day, but little progress—Had short services on deck. The atmosphere warm & clear.

Mond. 19th

Showers of rain occasionally strong head wind most of the morning very little progress. Rather cool.

Tues. 20th

Wind more favorable but light. Weather very fine—At noon by observation were in Lat. 29°-55'—Lon. 32°-36'—so that now we are about 850 miles from the most westerly of the Cape Verde Islands. Unless we have more favorable winds than we have had for the last ten days our voyage will be a long one. Today finished the second volume of Macauley's History of England. This book possesses the charm of a novel so lively & elevated is the style—so graphic his delineation of character & so thorough & clear his analysis of causes that the reader never tires. What a noble character was that William the Conquerer—the friend of civil & religious liberty—What compass of mind & what largeness of soul.

Wed. 21st

Head wind—weather cool.

Thurs. 22nd

Wind more favorable so that today we run our course—Still the breeze is light. This afternoon was the close of our third week from the capes—The atmosphere is clear but the temperature cool. So much so as to be quite uncomfortable on deck in the evening although we are at a latitude below that of Georgia, U.S.

Frid. 23

Fair wind but not very strong. Sailing at good speed. Weather clear & warm.

Sat. 24th

Our progress is now encouraging—having a fair wind—a smooth sea and pleasant weather. Our place at noon was Lat. 23°-35'—Log. 28°-30'—Island St. Antonio one of the Cape Verde stood South 25° East—distant 420 miles.—Was writing some today arranging accounts & account

books. This evening reperused all the letters received from my dear wife while at Baltimore waiting to embark. This is a pleasure--but how much greater delight it would afford me to see this evening my devoted wife & dear little girls! May God preserve me & bring back to them again in safety.

Sund. 25th

With a fair & strong wind we have sailed rapidly all day, & the weather being warm & clear we have had a pleasant day. Had brief services in the afternoon.

Mond. 26th

Wind favorable all forenoon--our speed good. At two oclock we descried the top ridge of the Island of St. Antonia. The base of the mountain was entirely inveloped in mist so that only a long uneven line of dark blue appeared stretching along the clouds. In an hour the west hill of the mountain became more apparent & the gorges & ravines at length were distinctly visible. As however the Island was distant 6 or 7 miles & as the mist still hung around it we could not see any ferrets (forests?) or any habitation of men if there be any on the side next us. At sunset a sail was west of us some three or four miles holding the same course as ourselves. I heartily thank God that our voyage has thus far been so prosperous.

Tues. 27th

Sailing rapidly in a Southerly direction we past along to the west of two more of Cape Verde Islands--Bravo & Fogo--the former quite low & the latter near 8000 ft. high & formerly a volcano but at present ~~inaction~~ inactive.

Wed. 28th

Having past the Cape Verde Is. we now bend our course a little more eastward & as the wind is from the same direction we sail more into it & at a less rapid rate--though we still make tolerable progress. Our place at noon was--Lat. 13°-01' Lon. 23°-36'. Though within the tropics we have had but little warm weather--owing perhaps to the damp & cloudy state of the atmosphere. The wind today & last night was rather chilly, as it was dark & gloomy in the cabin & damp & cool on deck I read but little today & have thought much of my dear ones at home. I long to see them & I move in Spirit for my dear departed boy. Oh how I lament his loss. I often inquire if his spirit is not still about me. Is it possible that we cannot communicate with each other. O God why should one so lovely so very dear to me be taken away. The chastisement--if for unfaithfulness is just. May it do me good.

Thurs. 29th

Strong fair wind--good progress--but a very dull unpleasant day & tolerably rough sea. Today is the 29th day out.

Frid. 30th

A charming day--fair light wind--clear sky & smooth sea. Today at noon we were at Lat. 10°-48. Long. 18°-09. Finished the third volume of Macauley's History of England. The blind & mulish adherence of the High Churchmen to the theory that hereditary rule is of Divine authority & that resistance to the ruling prince is under any circumstances a sin, ~~Sin~~, is even tiresome to the reader & must have been truly contemptible in the opinion of such a king as William. On the other hand the wild fanatical persistency of the Whigs or at least a part of them to persecute the Churchmen for opinions sake showed but little more sense and

less consistency. The Covenanter factions of Scotland were an uncivilized set.

Sat. 31st

Wind fair but light.

April 1860

Sund. 1st

The weather is now pretty warm especially when we have little or no wind. The sea is delightfully smooth & a gentle breeze continued from last evening till near noon today. This afternoon--the time most favorable for the men to attend we had divine services. We have charming moonlight now & the deck is so inviting that we do not feel inclined till late to retire. At noon today we were in Lat. 7°-53'. Lon. 15°-40'. We are therefore south of Sierraleone where we landed before.

Mond. 2nd

A warm, clear, calm day. Still the slight breeze which we have carries us onward somewhat. During the night we had a pretty good wind. At noon our place was Lat. 7°-09. Lon. 14°-06. This forenoon three men caught a shark about 5 feet long & hauled him on deck. He gave evidence of immense strength by his violent floundering. His wicked eye, his rapacious mouth, & his odious appearance impressed me with the propriety of the simile by which his name is made to express a vile & merciless class of men.

Tues. 3rd

Last night was dark & rainy & although there was very little wind the clouds were very heavy & the thunder frequent. The rain continued till 10 oclock this morning. Our place at noon was Lat. 6°-36'. Lon. 13°-06. We are therefore not quite 150 miles from Monrovia. God be praised for his mercies & favors!

Wed. 4th

About 7 oclock this morning we descried the dim outlines of Grand Cape Mount, which is the northwestern limit of Liberia & the highest land on that coast, being 1060 ft high.

During the day, however, we have made little progress as the wind has been very light. We are now about half way between Cape Mt. & Monrovia, the place at which we intend first to land.

As we now draw near to the coast my mind turns with deep interest to the work before us. Our object is as soon as practicable to open a small manual labor school, among the heathen population or on the border of such a tribe. This school at the same time established with a view of making it the rallying point of a small settlement of colored people, & to be gradually raised to a school of a higher order as the little settlement may demand & the means of the Mission may allow. The first duty will be to explore a few rivers & districts thought to be most suitable & to select a site. In making a selection of a location the following things should be kept in view:-Facility of Access, Healthfulness, Local advantages, & Character of the natives.

A place may be <u>accessible</u>, either by being near a sea port, on a river entering the sea at a port or good anchorage, or on the line of some road running over land, from some prominent point. At present, so far as I can learn there is no such road in the Republic, but there is one in contemplation from Millsburgh on the St. Paul's river to the high lands of the interior.

The <u>Healthfulness</u> of a point, will, perhaps, depend on its elevation, its <u>distance from</u> swampy lands, & the purity of its water.

Among the Local Advantages, may be named, the productiveness of the soil, the supply & quality of building materials, & waterfalls for machinery.

The native characteristics, which are perhaps most desirable to have & may, perhaps, be found in a comparative degree, are peacefulness, attachment to home, & an inclination to the pursuit of agriculture & some of the arts of manufacture. Whether any of the pagan tribes possess these characteristics or not, it is certain that some of them are less inclined to the practice of the opposite vices & faults, than others are.

And now I sincerely pray that God would direct me in this undertaking & give me wisdom & prudence & perseverence that I may do what will be best for the cause & most for his glory.

Thurs. 5th

At 1 oclock P.M. We are now within about 4 ms. of Cape Monsurado, & can plainly see the lighthouse & trees on the cape. The long line of yellow sea beach running along to our left is also in view. Beyo(n)d this the dense forest, now sending up vast columns & clouds of smoke from the clearings of the natives. These show that the rains have not set in, & gives me hope that we may yet explore somewhat without being much exposed to the heavy rains. We shall anchor in less than an hour, & perhaps will be able to land today.

We are all in good health except the young Liberian, James Thompson, who has suffered considerably from cronic inflamation of the throat & ears. My health in particular during the entire voyage has been good, having not suffered from sea sickness. I have therefore been able to read considerable & thus I trust have made some improvement. I therefore here desire to record my sincere & devout thanks to the God of all my mercies. Thanks be to him for life & health & the opening prospect of doing good! May his goodness continue to attend me!

Having landed on the sand beach at Krootown about half past one oclock, in company with others we walked to McGill's store & there leaving the Capt. bro. Heigerd & myself proceeded to the house of my old friend Mr. B. V. R. James, with whom I lodged when here nearly seven years ago. He received us with great cordiality & after a few minutes sitting at his house we walked to the point at the lighthouse to take a view of the town & country. It was an enchanting scene & I felt a thrill of joy that I was again in this field of labor & could see around me marks of decided improvement since my former visit. But there was bitterness mingled in the cup of joy. My dear ones--my loves--were not here. For a while my feelings almost overcame me. Oh how hard to be thus far separated from the source of my hig(h)est earthly joy. My dear wife & little ones the are far away. This cloud of melancholy was deepened by the fact just learned that the little Liberia packet, Quail, which regularly carries the mail from here to Cape Palmas for the English Steamers had left only a few hours before & that another vessel which we expected to meet here had also left. As I thought it best that bro. Heigerd would not better begin sleeping on shore till we determine upon our immediate movements & as I could not just now decide upon anything he returned to the Palmas & remained with Mr. James. This evening Bishop Burns of the Meth. E. Church called on me & was the same cheerful open warm hearted brother that I found him to be when here formerly. He insisted my breakfasting with him tomorrow morning--I agreed. Also, Rev. J. Seys called all full of zeal & interest for the cause & especially for Carysburgh--his last settlement.

Friday 6th

On Shore--got my off from the vessel & in company with Mr. &

Mrs. Seys & Messrs. Thompson & Heigerd rode a few miles up the Misurado river. Nothing but mangrove swamp on both sides except at a single point. Lodged with Mr. James. Retired sad--Here are great obstacles to be met in doing good & my heart longs for my wife & children. Alas my lovely boy I can see no more in this world. Oh how grievous a separation.

Sat. 7th

Rode up St. Pauls river in our boat about 18 ms. & returned but had not time enough to examine any one place minutely. Was at Messrs. Coopers sugar plantation which is a large one but had not time to get particulars.

Sund. 8th

Forenoon preached at Pres. Church & at night at the Methodist Church.

Mond. 9th

Owing to the fact, that two colored Presbyterian ministers recently selected a position at the falls of the Sinoe where I had some thought of locating (& had arranged to have our lumber landed there if we should desire it after landing here), I have now concluded to land & store away all our lumber & freight & take some three or four weeks to explore the country up the St. Pauls & have therefore taken a permit to land here & have secured storage at the Colonization Ware House.

Tues. 10th

Received today most of our goods & stored them. Weary & sad at the thought of the labor & responsibility of this movement.

Wed. 11

Received & stored the lumber opened & repacked several boxes & barrels after taking out what we now need. Bro. Heiger(d) proved a very efficient aid. I am pleased with the manner in which he conducts himself & enters upon the work. Made some arrangements for going up the river tomorrow. Bro. Heigerd lodged on shore tonight for the first as I was desirous he should be exposed as little as possible till we go up the river.

Thurs. 12th

Came up to White Plains accompanied by bro. Heigerd & Miss Kilpatrick, who has charge of a female school at that place. We landed above Clay Ashland & walked to Mr. Outlands farm & sugar works, leaving the Kroomen to bring the boat. Lodged at White Plains. A slight rain.

Friday 13th

Visited Mr. Anderson's sugar works, a large steam mill, which was doing a fine business. I had designed this week to visit Carysburg about 12 ms. southerly of White Plains, but being anxious to see the rapids of the St. Pauls before the rains begin regularly & knowing that they are about to commence, I have concluded to delay my visit there till I make some examination of the rapids.

Sat. 14th

My Kroomen (two) whom I had hired to travel with me one month desired this morning to return to the Cape, as they do not like to go back into the country. They seemed more especially disinclined to ascent the rapids having brought one boat up a little way yesterday. This morning therefore I paid them & sent them back.

Having procured other help & a canoe from Mr. Harrison the

highest settler on the river I set out about 10 oclock to pass up the river a few miles if possible & return tonight. The principal man was a Congo Convert to Christianity named David Clark. The next was Robert Mr. Harrisons son, & added to these were two small native boys. Before we set out we secured a rope for dragging the canoe through the narrow rapids where we could not advance by means of paddles. I soon found that one canoe was too large for our force, but we man(a)ged by paddling in the less rapid parts & hauling with the rope at the small falls, to ascend about 4 ms. Having passed an island of considerable length & also one or two small ones. The bed of the river is in many places very wide & always composed of granite rock. In places deep gorges are worn down in the softer places & through these the water rushes with fearful violence. These are often so deep & the crags extending up are so numerous that when in a low position looking up the course of the stream we could see no water at all, but only barren rocks with a few small trees & shrubs interspersed. As we had already ascended several of the lifts caused by the ledges of rock extending across the stream I began to think that the men could succeed alone, at one which we had now reached. I stepped out of the canoe myself but did not as before remove my luggage nor did I take hold of the rope but left all to the men & walked round to an adjoining rock on my way to the head of the lift. I soon heard a loud yell & looking round saw that the two small boys who had gone forward with the rope let it slack while the larger boy was going round to them & while Davis was at the stern of the canoe to start it off the rocks. In an instant the furious current swept the bow of the canoe back & striking on its quarter filled it with water. I hastened back. David was with the canoe in eddy below, & soon drew it up to the rock. My gun, spirit level, box of provisings & ammunition all remained in it, but the clothes of the men were swept away and lost. We sat down & the water riven rock beside the roaring brook & ate our dinner composed of dried herring & some ginger snacks baked by Miss Georgiana Morris of Baltimore & given me by her on the morning of my embarking. Both were now well moistened with water. As the boys seemed weary & as the canoe seemed too large to be taken over the ledges I left them with the canoe & taking Davis, I walked on rapidly about 1 1/4 hour up the stream. We reached a place where the bed of the river was more contracted than before & where the water fell a greater distance perpendicularly than at our point below. It fell perhaps three or four feet. We returned to the canoe after marking some trees with our axe at the place where we stopped, found the boys quite uneasy, & then getting in the canoe we came down rapidly all the way except at one place where water was wide and shoal so that I landed & walked while the men brough(t) the canoe slowly over. I think we ascended 8 miles, & the fall of the river in that distance is as much as 40 feet.

Sund. 15

PReached at Harrisburgh in Mr. Harrison's little church to an attentive audience. Did not feel well having been much fatigued yesterday & also got quite wet in descending the rapids.

Mond. 16th

Having become convinced by efforts & observations of Saturday that the St. Paul's river cannot be ascended by row boats much above Millsburg, I started out this morning in company with bro. Heigerd & two natives to examine the country along the north side of the river opposite Harrisburgh. After crossing the river we walked a few rods back to Tom's town who was with us, & then to another village about one mile northeastward where we paused a little & then walked Eastward about 4 ms. to another country town near which a considerable brook ran towards

the river. Leaving bro. H. here & taking one of the men with me I traced this brook upward a mile or more, finding that it descended rapidly at many places, & that it parted into some two or three branches. Returning to the town we followed the brook to the river & then kept along the river hills, which in some places were perhaps 150 feet high, to the place where we landed in the morning. This country is beautiful indeed, & the soil is rich. The timber is not plentiful as it is thinned by the sawyers who cut lumber any where on the public lands. In the evening we walked back from Mr. Harrisons about 2 ms. passing the small towns & going through upon the whole the finest scope of cleared country which I have yet seen in Africa.

Tues. 17th

Being in need of some articles from Monrovia I came down today, stopping at several places on the way, & also going out of my way down the St. Pauls beyond Stockton Creek, to Mr. Morris farm where landed & I then walked across the point of Bushrod Island to what is called Mumma's town--a small place of half a score of huts but once a large town & an extensive Slave Depot. Met there a young native of the Island who has been somewhat educated & has been clerking at Freetown Sierra-Leone. He informed me that Rev. Eheman, a Lutheran minister in the service of the Church Miss. Soc. is deceased.--A tornado tonight.

Wed. 18th

Wrote a letter to my wife & also one for the Missionary, & mailed them for the Ocean Eagle of New-York, which is to sail for the U.S. by way of C. Palmas tomorrow. Made some purchases of goods to pay my boatmen & others, examined the goods stored at Colonization House, took out some provisions &c. & came up to White Plains Mission where I lodged with Miss Killpatrick.

Thurs. 19th

Spent the day in examining the hills & streams along the north side of the river above Millsburg. Found some beautiful sites & one of them seems to be near a small stream. But so dense is the jungle that we could not at all reach the hill which we most desired to ascend.

Frid. 20th

Having engaged two men yesterday to go with us today & cut the vines &c of the jungle so that we could pass through, we set out about 9 oclock & commencing on the west side cut one way nearly over the top & then down on the North East to the old field that lies along river. By means of a spirit level we ascertained the fact that the hill is equally as high as any one occupied on the opposite side, but could not get the bush cut away so as to determine the actual hight above the river. Returned weary, & bro Heigerd unfortunately slipped from a stone into the water when we were tracing a small stream that passes near the hill, to learn its course & amount of fall--the latter is sufficient to afford a mill site or water power of some kind, but the stream is small.

On our return we learned that a large Boa Constrictor had been killed about a half mile or more from here (Mr. Harrisons). It struck at a boy in the path, but missing him ciezed his dog crushed him & dragged him away in the bushes. Af(ter) a long hunt by natives & settlers he was discovered, shot several times & finally despatched with cutlasses & bill-hooks.--No rain today or last night--Thermometer 86°.

Sat. 21st

Went again over to the Millsburg side, & ascended a hill in the rear of the town, hoping thereby to gain a view of the surrounding country, but on the hig(h)er part of the eminence the bush was so ~~high~~ high & so dense that I could not see out, & the lower part was not sufficiently elevated to afford any considerable prospect.

Taking a man with me I again passed over a part of the field already examined above Millsburg & after securing several pretty fair views with a glass from elevated positions, I hired a second man & canoe & descended from the first high ledge of rocks running entirely across the stream above Mr. Harrisons wharf, to Millsburg—thus examining the channel. I found that I could reach the landing at the foot of the hill which we have been more especially examining, with about the same care as I could ascend to Mr. Harrisons. Perhaps larger canoes could be taken directly to that place with lading. Now when the water is low the channel is shallow, but in the rains the water would be abundant, but perhaps too rapid for ascent. If however we settle on the river anywhere near Millsburg it appears to me that the hill directly in a line with this ledge of rocks would be the most suitable site. The scarcity of timber is one objection. Returned late in the evening to Mr. Harrisons our temporary home. Brol Heigerd having been much fatigued yesterday did not accompany me.

Sund. 22nd

Visited the small Sunday School here this morning, & spoke briefly to the Scholars. Preached in the little church this forenoon. This afternoon in thinking of home have felt lonely & sad. O how I long to see my dear wife & children. I pray God to be merciful to them & if it be his will bring me again to my dear ones in safety. I earnestly pray that I may be useful here & may comfort my beloved family.

Mond. 23

Accompanied by Mr. Melville I went up a creek putting into the river at the lower edge of Harrisburg, about 4 ms. Its course is south easterly or perhaps nearly east, is navigable for canoes for several miles in the rains but now only about ½ mile. We past 2 towns on it, in one of which we saw a smith shop with anvil & bellows, & it is said that the smith, a native, manufactures the best bill-hooks that can be procured in the country. This stream is heavy enough to propel a saw or gristmill at this season is unusually now. The falls or rapids at the first elevation of country is considerable, & farther up they are frequent & of considerable hight. Very little good timber can be found near the stream as the natives have destroyed it by clearing & the settlers have carried it away for building purposes.

In the afternoon bro. H. & I walked back of Harrisburg a short distance & following a path which runs along the ridge running somewhat parallel with the river, we found a large native clearings beyond the three towns that we had visited before. The country is delightful, being very high & rolling & having an exceedingly rich soil in most places. The timber before the clearing took place was pretty good. We crossed a beautiful little stream flowing over a rocky bottom & forming frequent rapids. At one place the fall could easily be improvised as a mill seat. During the day there was a slight rain—last night a heavy shower—Ther. in the morning 82°—noon 86°—

Tues. 24th

Having previously made arrangements, Mr. Melville & I started this morning for Bizenas town about 12 ms. from here on the opposite bank of the river. We crossed over to Tom's town & then wa(l)ked back

towards Millsburg about one mile to get into the more open road leading up the river. About 2 miles from Millsburg we reached Bola's town a small country village—from this going in a northeasterly direction about 4 ms. we reached a few huts on the bank of a large creek. From this place walking about 5 ms in an easterly direction we arrived at Bizenie's town. A small town of perhaps 150 inhabitants. It was formerly barricaded but the barricade is now partly broken down. The town is clean & the poeple appear to be sprightly & shrewd. Having procured a canoe at the town we rode up the river, which is here slack water about two miles to the lower end of an island. Landing here we walked through the farm recently cleared & saw fine corn growing—now about 8 inches high—there was also rice x already sprung up—At the upper end of this island there seems to be a fall or rapids in the river, as we could hear the roar of the water.

Returning to the town we lodged there during the night.

Wed. 25th

After breakfast I spoke briefly to the chief & his people & then set out on our return. Coming down to a large creek about two miles this side I left Mr. Melville & taking a native man walked up the creek one hour, its course being northerly & then taking a westerly direction came into the path along which we had gone yesterday. On reaching the creek near Tom's town I turned off to examine a hill lying to the northwest of the path. Finding the bush too thick (to) pass through I soon returned to the path & hastened on to Mr. Harrison's, thankful to find bro. H. & all the rest well. Evening visited a family of imigrants that have been here only about 4 months, & are yet suffering from fever. The family embraces an old man & his wife—both quite old—a son & a grand son, whose mother died in America. The old couple & the little child only about 2½ years of age suffer considerably & I deeply sympathize with them.

Thurs. 26th

I have this day suffered deep despondency of mind; so much so that I am almost unfit for what is before me. Indeed I do feel entirely incompent to the work on which I have entered. In consequence of our long delay at Baltimore we have about 8 weeks less time than we expected to have at the time the arrangement was made to embark on the Palmas, & we are therefore hurried too much in the work of exploring. The rains are now about to set in & we must either now decide upon a place or postpone all effort till after the rains. I feel fearful of so hasty a procedure as it would be to decide at once, without giving Cape Mt & the adjoining country or at least to the Junk region. On the other hand it will be a great loss of time to delay till after the rains to begin. This also is the planting time & we might if now decided as to the site clear x & plant a small field late as it is. More over it is likely that if we had examined the other countries ~~than~~ this would still appear to be the best situation & then we should still more regret the delay. I feel pretty well satisfied that if we locate at all in this region an elevated position a little distance above this,—on the opposite side will suit our purpose as well as any we can get. It is mostly likely too that this portion of the Republic will be better adapted to our operations than any other—This is favorable to agriculture as it has a good soil & yet has not a large trade, as the Palm oil is generally found, in lower lands than this. The native population is small here but for our pu(r)poses,—the founding of a Manual Labor School,—this is no disadvantage, as we expect for the present to address ourselves mainly to the limited number in connection with the Mission. During the day as well as last night I have thought & Prayed over the subject of immediate settlement, & have also

consulted with bro. Heigerd, but I cannot yet feel safe in deciding. My mind has been much oppressed during the day. This evening as a deep dark cloud spre(a)d almost entirely over the horizon & the low mutterings of distant thunder rolled along from cloud to cloud I walked forth to meditate & pray. All pertaining to our work seemed like the sky overhead, enveloped in great darkness. It appeared to me that never before in my life I felt so painfully the responsibility of our work or so much desired the guidance of Providence. O God hast thou called me to this work, then in mercy guide me aright. I dare hardly think of home. My heart pines for my lovely family. When I look at the precious pictures with me, I can with difficulty remain contented. God, My Merciful Father forsake me not I pray, but help in this time of need.

Thermometer most of the day--86°. Heavy rain accompanied by thunder this evening.

Frid. 27th

This forenoon bro. Heigerd & myself took another tour over the hills on the opposite side of the river where we had already made examinations & after reviewing the ground as well as we could decided upon the place at which we will make the first clearing. We then engaged some natives to cut away the bush tomorrow & returned to Mr. Harrison's.

From all I can learn, as well as from what I know of the Liberian country in general it seems that this count(r)y combines as many advantages as any other, if not greater; & I am quite satisfied that as far as we can now see the site which we have selected possesses as many advantages as any now unoccupied on this river.

At this place we have as high & healthful a situation as any that is now accessible; for it is perhaps more than one hundred feet above the water of the river at the nearest point & the stream falls perhaps ten feet between that point & Millsburg. It is also comparatively easy of access, being near the river which at times can be ascended by boats to our place, & there is good ground for a road from Millsburg along the rear of the site. A small stream runs down near the site & will run across the land which we expect to get. I think also that by digging a few feet fresh water can be obtained at the foot of the hill on which we intend to begin clearing. Stone for building are plentiful & of as good a quality as I have seen any where in Africa. Good sand for mortar can be had at the river but can here make no lime, as there is neither limestone nor oyster shells. Timber is not plentiful, but enough can be obtained, perhaps as easily as in any other good farming region, for in such places the timber is always destroyed by the native clearings for farms. Our place is I think farther inland than Carysburgh or any other settlement or occupied station in the Republic. There are not many natives about the place but those that are there are seemingly pretty well disposed. We are not far from a Mission on the south but on the north & east there is none. Nor is there any on the north west till we reach Cape Mt.---This evening I was enabled when alone in woods to pray earnestly for God's blessing on our work.

Thermometer this morning 76°--Afternoon 88°--Evening 80°.

Sat. 28th

Rose early this morning & after taking a cup of domestic tea & a few crackers, started across the river to point out to the natives with whom we had engaged to clear a small patch of land, the place to begin. I marked off by the my pocket compass & tape line two sides of a piece twelve rods square--the natives cutting a path through the

dense jungle before--& then having agreed to pay them $5.50 (in goods at current prices here) I addressed them briefly on the subject of my coming among them to do them good, & the great need of our having God's help to do right & receive well the good intended & then proposed that we all kneel down on the spot where we were about to commence cutting & ask God's help--that we might live in peace & that the work which we were about to commence, might do great good to the people around. The headman having interpreted to the others answered that they all agreed, & we accordingly knelt down in the deep jungle & prayed to our common father for guidance, & grace to do right, & accomplish good for the country. As it was now nine oclock I went home for breakfast & then returned to mark off the other two sides of the land. It was a tedious job as the bush was so very thick that it required a long time to cut the paths. I however returned to Mr. Harrisons in the afternoon--& in the evening by means of a spirit level ascertained the hight of the site of his house above the river. It was about 72 feet & I think our hill is higher. No rain today nor last night. Ther. Morning 76°--Afternoon 88°.

Sund. 29

Preached forenoon--visited Sunday School--afternoon had bible lesson with the orphan children & others here. Afternoon rainy also the early part of night.--Ther. 77°--84°.

Mond. 30th

Cutting roads to the small clearing which we have begun. Afternoon rainy.

May 1860

Tues. 1st

Went from Harrisburg to Monrovia, to purchase some goods with which to pay native laborers, & also to attend to other Mission business.

Wed. 2nd

Early this morning called on Mr. Seymour, who for some years past has been among the people of the Pesse tribe about 80 miles inland frbm Monrovia, who is now on a visit to this place to form some eclesiastical connection with the Peresbyterions. He seems to be a sensible, pious & very devoted man. He describes the natives as teachable, & more industrious than those nearer the sea, & he considers the country superior to the coast region in in agricultural advantages. Attended meeting of Presbytery a short time. Opened some of our boxes & repacked them after taking out some articles needed.

In the evening accompanied by Hon. B. V. R. James, I called on Pres. Benson & after explaining to him the nature of our undertaking in this country, inquired whether the Government would be so kind as to make us a grant of one hundred acres of land, or more, on the north side of the St. Paul's above all present surveys, for our Mission School, if we should conclude to settle in that locality. The President most cordially approved of the object, assured me that the land would be granted & added that he would be most happy to afford us any other aid that lay in his power. I returned much gratified at our visit & highly pleased with the present executive of the Republic.

Thurs. 3rd

After attending to various business in the morning, I returned to Harrisburg, bring in our boat Mr. Seymour as far on our way as Clay Ashland. Reached our present home just at dark.

Frid. 4th

Forenoon settled with Mr. Harrison for our board thus far & made arrangements for the future at $2 per week. We shall therefore perhaps board here for one or two months more. Afternoon preparing some boxes to serve as chests to lock up goods in. Evening--bro Heigerd returned from White Plains where he had been staying while I was at Monrovia. He had fever the day I left but is now pretty well. It having been a light attack, received an immediate check by the use of the ordinary remedies.

Sat. 5th

Making a Tool Box as we now have some of our tools here & frequently use them. Became quite sick about noon, having fever & paid in the head & back. (One month after landing)

Sund. 6th

Too unwell to preach but in the afternoon was able to teach the bible Class. Thanks to God that I am better.

Mond. 7

Being necessitated to go over to the place at which we have men clearing & having here no canoe nor boat I was obliged to walk down nearly opposite Millsburg & after crossing to walk up on the other side. This wearied me very much & before leaving the woods a rain came on & as I could not carry an umbrella I became wet with rain. My feet also being wetted as all our shoes & boots seem to leak immediately here. On reaching home became chilly and then was taken with high fever which lasted nearly all the night.

Tues. 8th

Much prostrated--did nothing.

Wed. 9th

Went to examine the work done by the natives, & marked off an acre more for clearing. Heavy rain in the afternoon.

Thurs. 10th

Visited Mr. Grey a colored man who was formerly connected with Mendi Mission, & with whom I became acquainted there. He now lives on his own lot of 10 acres about 3 ms. below this place (Harrisburg) & on the opposite side. He is poor:

Frid. 11th

Spent the day on the river between Millsburg & our place attempting to find a favorable passage & landing that we might know where to open a road. Returned weary in the evening as I had worked very hard.

Sat. 12th

Harrisburg, & at our place.

Sund 13th

Harrisburg, Rev. Blyden, being here to hold Communion Service, preached this forenoon & I preached this afternoon.

Mond. 14th

Having an opportunity of bring some of our goods from Monrovia, by Mr. Harrison's canoe & being in need especially of some medicines--went to the Cape. Called on the Pres. to see if some two hundred acres of land besides the one hundred that the Government will

donate to the Mission, could not in some way be reserved for such settlers as may wish to settle near us & improve their land & also perhaps unite with our church at the place, when once organized. The Pres. assured me that he would so reserve the land that it could not be taken up by those who hold bounty-land cirtificates & who would only apply the warrants they hold & let the land lie till it would increase in value.

Tues. 15th

Wrote a letter to my friend J. B. Elliott at Sierra Leone & also sent him a small bundle of books. Came up to Harrisburg, after attending to various business at the Cape.

Wed. 16th

Harrisburg. Opening boxes, preparing for use some medicines--Putting hinges & locks to boxes to use as chests.

Thurs. 17th

Cutting roads & trying to make examinations on the land that we have selected. Wrote to my wife.

Frid. 18th

Owing to the fact that we can go nowhere off the little native paths from town to town, without cutting paths through the dense jungle, we have already, in order to examine particular localities on the tract of land which we have selected, cut about five miles of path. And yet we must continue cutting.

Sat. 19th

Harrisburg, Mr. Heigerd unwell. Overhauling some boxes needing attention.--Bro. H. sick.

Sund. 20th

Considerable fever during last night & today. Preached forenoon--afternoon too unwell to attend Bible Class.

Mond. 21st

Crossed the river & put men to work, hunted for some timber for building & returned unwell--fever all night.

Tues. 22nd

Went to our place in the morning--was taken sick suddenly suffering severely. After resting & getting the vomiting checked--took medicines & towards night felt better--low fever allnight--Bro. H. better.

Wed. 23rd

Unwell--Making some drawing & bills of lumber for house.

Thurs. 24th

Superintending the cutting of a road from our landing to the hill on which we expect to build.

Frid. 25th

Having hired two Liberians we commenced cutting timber to build a temporary residence which can afterward be used for other purposes.

Sat. 26th

Cutting & hewing timber.

Sund. 27th

Rev. Miller being here I did not preach but had a bible lesson in the afternoon.

Mond. 28

Cutting hewing & carrying timber for a temporary house.

Tues. 29th

A very rainy day. Had to quit work at noon. We now have three or four showers every day & the nights are very rainy.

Wed. 30th

Cutting & carrying timber & also preparing some timber to saw into boards.

Today while at work a short distance from a small native town the peculiar & well known death cry broke upon our ears. A man who had for some time been sick took some powerful country medicine which soon caused his death. As soon as the loud lament was heard in the town it was taken up by the women in the rice plantations & soon rang from hill to hill far & wide through the neighborhood bring in the people from every side.

Thurs. 31st

Getting timber.

June 1860

Frid. 1st

Sick all day, unable to leave the room--fortunately bro. Heigerd who seems to endure the climate unusually well, & who is always willing to do all he can went with men.

Sat. 2nd

Unable to go out suffering from diarhoea & fever the former of which I have very seldom been affected with. What caused this attach I cannot tell. Evening--feel a little more comfortable.

Sund. 3rd

Too unwell to preach.

Mond. 4th

Not so well as yesterday, considerable fever attended with vomiting. Intended to accompany Mr. Harrison to Monrovia but could not.

Tues. 5th

This morning finished drawing up a petition to present to Pres. Benson for a grant of land to our Mission; & after taking a little breakfast, although feeling very weak & somewhat sick I walked to the lower landing 1½ mile off & set off for Monrovia as our business demanded my going. Became quite sick at times while in the Mangrove Swamps along Stockton Creek. Called at the Post Office but found no letters although a vessel has just arrived from New-York. Called on Pres. Benson & handed him the petition I had prepared & made some verbal explanations. Returned to Mr. James' where I stop, having considerable fever & suffering much from nausea. Two months since we landed.

Wed. 6th

Did not sleep at all last night. Unwell this morning cannot go to Harrisburg as I intended---

Thurs. 7th

Was taken with violent vomiting & high fever about 9 oclock yesterday--was much distressed all day--after checking the vomiting, as I had no medicine along I called in Dr. Roberts who administered Calomel, which having operated during the night has given me relief. So that today I am pretty comfortable.

Received a communication from Pres. Benson in reply to the paper which I handed him day before yesterday & granting what we requested viz. 100 acres of land for the Mission proper & also a reservation of 200 acres additional, adjoining the Mission to be settled by colored people under the supervision of the Mission.

Frid. 8th

Fever most of last night. Suffered much & this morning am very weak while I still have some fever & general distress.

Sat. 9th Sund. 10th Mond 11th.

About the same too sick to leave the room. On Saturday the M. C. Stephens came in with a large number of imigrants mostly designed for Carysburgh. Almost every one around me was reading letters just received but thus far none were found for me. I still hoped however that some would be found.

On Sat. too a vessel sailed for New York without taking a single letter from me, as I was too unwell even to write a note to my dear wife. This was a great regret to me for I had come down to prepare numerous communications & forward them by that ship. I tried to bear the disappointment with patience trusting & praying that God would do all things well.

On Monday Mr. James with whom I am lodging brought me a small bundle from the office, which contained a long letter from my dear wife & also one from my dear friend & bro. Dr. Sprecher. Both were cheering. My family was tolerably well at the date of the letters eccept that my beloved little Lizzie had sore throat. The bundle contained moreover a picture of my youngest little girl & a kerchief from my oldest one. The picture is beautiful & after I had examined it long & handed it round I put it carefully away with its sisters & brother.-- Oh my lovely departed boy my dear, dear Samuel, how I mourn for you! The kerchief I shall use at once. It is dear to me.

When I read Dr. Sprecher's sympathizing letter I felt deeply unworthy of the interest which my numerous friends in America take in my welfare. May God, who can uphold the weak, & direct the ignorant, grant me the aid I so much need!

This family with whom I am staying--Mr. James--is very kind to me & provide every thing that I need to aid my recovery. But I think part of the Drs. treatment has been very injudicious & exceeding hurtful to me. Phisicians, like other men are apt to fall into a careless formal way of doing things with out regard to the peculiarities of the case in hand. Every case of fever must have so much of this, then that, & then that other remedy, whether the peculiar form of the disease or the peculiarities of constitution admit of them or not. Like some preachers draw every text through the same moulds & bring out the same form of discourse without regard to what the subject may demand. The life & power are sacrificed to the form.

Tues 12th

Confined to the room all day suffering much from debility-- the effect of "Medicine"!

Wed. 13th

A little better walked in the afternoon three squares to Bishop Burn's where I lodged.

Thurs. 14th

Still a little stronger attended to some business at the stores & also wrote a letter to Pres. Benson in reply to his letter of the 6th concerning a grant of land to our Mission. Thank God that I can work a little again. May he support & guide me henceforth!

This evening bro. Heigerd came down from Harrisburg in good health.

Frid. 15th

Making some purchases & preparing to go up the river also settling off with the Kroomen whose time has expired & hiring others.

Sat. 16th

Left Monrovia at noon & reached Harrisburg at dark weary enough as I am yet quite weak.

This evening we had a wedding at Mr. Harrisons. A shoemaker, rather an intelligent dark Mulatto man took to wife a light Mulatto widow who is youthful & sprightly. Mr. Harrison is Justice of the Peace & also a Licentiate to preach in the Pres. Church, but in which of these capacities he performed the ceremony I cannot tell. The performance would indicate a little of both. He read from the Pres. Directory parts of the forms of words to be addressed to the parties also parts of the more general instructions to ministers in regard to the requisites on the part of the persons to be married--the nature of the marriage relation & the manner of performing the ceremony. At any rate he married them for if he does not fully understand the directory, he is not destitute of invention & therefore got through & pronounced "Husband & wife."

Sund. 17th

Thanks to My Great Preserver I was able again to preach this forenoon to the little company that gathers in our little Harrisburg church. The people were attentive & I hope good was done I preached on the Baptism of Jesus by John. Afternoon--Bible Class. Evening wrote a letter to my dear wife & one to my oldest little girl. I thank God that I have this privilege. May he spare me to return to my dear family, if it be his will.

Mond. 18th

Wrote some at a report to the Committee,--settled with laborers, &c.

Tues 19th

Writing some--directing a carpenter to make some articles needed for our clothing & goods.

Wed. 20th

Finished my Report to the Committee--making 14 pages foolscap closely written. Longer than I wished, but could not well reduce it.

Evening wrote a short article for one of the Liberia papers.

Thurs. 21st

Resumed work again at the timber of our house--finished framing. At night wrote a letter to the three Eng. Lutheran Sunday Schools of Philadelphia Pa. in reference to the Boat which they pur-

chased for the use of the Mission. Not much rain today.

Friday 22

Commenced putting up our house, but were obliged to stop work on account of heavy & continuous Rain. Returned home very weary.

Saturday 23rd

Very rainy--could not work at house--holding up a little in the evening I went to White Plains to spend the Sabbath with Rev. Roberts.

Sund. 24th

Preached forenoon at Millsburg for Mr. Roberts--people were attentive--many wept.

Mond 25th

Having heard of the arrival of the Palmas from the lower ports & of her probable departure for the U.S. early this week I hastened down to put some articles & letters on board, & to arrange business with Mr. mcGill relative to future financial transactions with Dr. Hall & Co. through him. Came in boat with Rev. Roberts. Hired a surveyor to run off our Mission lands--agreed to pay him $25. to run the four sides of the entire tract of 300 acres. He binds himself & all his hands & goes up & returns at his own expense. Night wrote to Dr. Sprecher--bro. Harrison--& Martin Buehler & also to Mr. Rummelsbury Cinti O.

Tues.26th

Rested but little last night--rose early this morning & wrote a letter to Dr. Morris.--Went on board the Brig Palmas & took along a barrel of Liberia sugar to be taken to my wife--took dinner with the Capt. & having bade the mates & crew good bye I returned to the town. Felt unwell all afternoon. Wrote to one of my little girls & wife.

27th

Rose early wrote a note to Sister Eliz Rogers--Wrote orders for goods from Waesche (?) & C. Monrovia (?) James Getty & Denis & Miller--wrote to J. D. Martin Esq. Treas. took copies of orders--Wrote to G. W. S. Hall & Co.

28th

Hired two more Kroomen to accompany me up the river & labor for us.--Made some purchases at Monrovia & about 11 Oclock started for Harrisburgh on Mr. Harrisons canoe on which Mr. James also was a passenger--& the crew of which was strengthened by my two Kroomen. Nevertheless the rest being small boys & not remarkably fond of work & being under the head man Davy who hates work we did not reach the wharf till after dark & by the time all was removed from the canoe & taken care of it was after 8 Oclock--As I had commenced work early I was very tired.

Sat. 30th.

A fair day--only two slight showers. I spent the whole day with our men on the Mission premises. Got all the frame of the house up & commenced weatherboarding as we had no sheeting & shingles on the ground so as to begin the roof. Returned in the evening very weary as I worked hard during the day.

July 1860

Sunday 1st

Preached here--Harrisburg--in the forenoon as usual. Having heard last night that the Palmas did not go yesterday as we expected I this afternoon wrote a short letter to my dear wife & gave it to Mr. James who goes down tomorrow morning--requesting him to mail it or get it on board.

Mond. 2nd

A fair day & we were busy all day at our building.

Tues. 3rd

A favorable day--only a few light showers--Working at house--evening surveyor Moore came & stated that he would commence his work early in the morning.

Wed. 4th

Rained all day--We were out with the surveyors till near noon--Returned in heavy rain. The other men could not work.

Thurs. 5th

Three months after landing. Not much rain--rather a pleasant day--early at work roofing & weatherboarding house--afternoon with the surveyor--a sorry surveyor--would hardly make a chain carrier in the U.S. the chain carriers were two inexperienced Kroomen--measuring right over logs brush & all uneven places with no regard to them having the ends of the chain low to the ends of the sticks while the middle was elevated three or four feet--I grumbled then scolded then threatened--a little change was made--but the survey will be imperfect--surveyor says it is always done so here. Perhaps it is as I have noticed that a great many who have deeds for land cannot find the land.

Frid. 6th

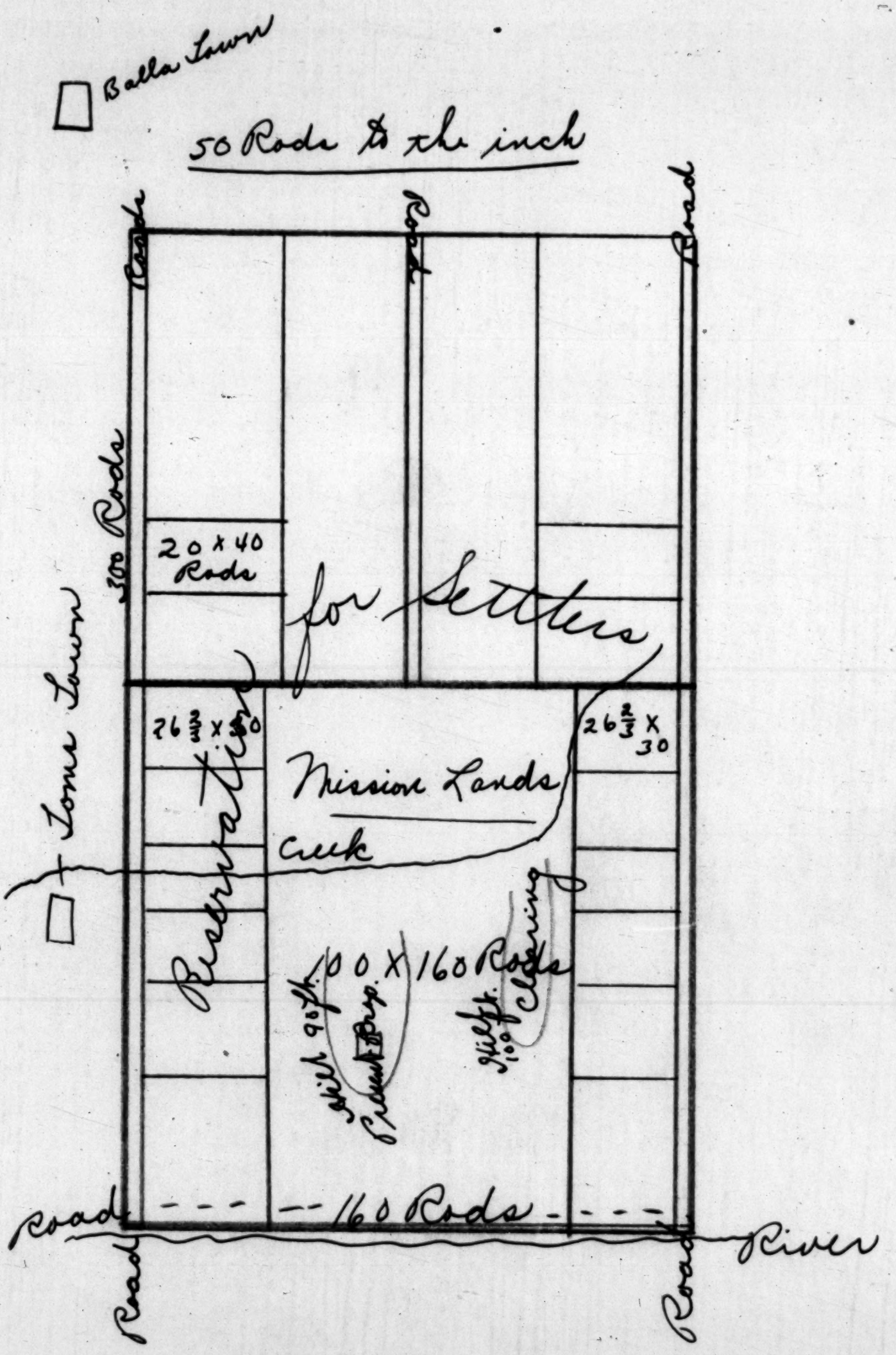
With surveyors till noon. Measurement a little better today. More care taken in placing pins & marking lines & outs. Afternoon came home very weary and somewhat sick. Evening at our place. Giving some directions about the house& clearing. Set out 30 Plantain & Banana Trees for which I paid the natives who brought them 50 cts. I hope each of them will bear 25 cents worth of fruit in less than one year--this is only what they usually do.

Sat. 7th

Last night we had the heaviest rain of the season & it continued somewhat more slightly from 8 oclock last night till now--11 oclock. So we linger in doors at home.--Copied last orders for goods in Order Book.

Afternoon went over to our place & as surveyors were not at work we planted a few sweet potatoes--Measured distance from west line of survey to our house to determine the plan of dividing the tract into lots & Mission Premises. It being near fifty rods from west line to present improvement & the entire tract being 160 rods, we think that we shall take as Mission Premises a front of 100 Rods & it will then extend back 160 Rods. This will leave 60 rods front for the Reservation for one hundred & sixty rods & from that back the entire width. By taking the Mission out of the middle of the front part of the tract a strip of 30 rods wide will be left on each side as far as the Mission lands extend. These can be cut up into well shaped 5-acre lots, for settlers. The remainder--a paralelagram--140 by 160 Rods can also be made into lots of proper shape & as we shall build pretty well back on

the Mission land the occupants of these lots will be near the school & church. Two persons--married men have desired to procure lots on the reserve & build at once. One--Mr. Jacobs a Lutheran--An outline see next page.



Evening--returned & found a letter from Mr. Washington with whom I had arranged either to go to Sierra-Leone next week or to send by him for goods. Came down here late through a heavy rain.

Sund. 8th

Slept scarcely an hour last night--feverish & wakeful on account of the multitude of things pressing upon my mind. Rose weary & sick. After breakfast, feeling some better & having an opportunity of going to church to Millsburg I rode over--met Rev. Roberts at the place & was so pressed by him to preach that I consented. The audience was good attention very close & there was much feeling manifested by many O that these feelings were more abiding.

Hearing at Rev. Robert's that the ship M. C. Stephens is at Monrovia on her homeward trip I hastened home--Mr. Harrisons--to write a letter to my dear wife & to ready in the morning to make out some other papers which I desire to remit to America. Thus it seems I have no rest--hurried along from one thing to another I have hardly time for devotion & reflection--The newness of our position--the peculiarities of our plan of operation--the uncertainty whether the church in the U.S. will sustain the undertaking--the deceit & fraud & treachery that I find in the people upon whom we are trying to operate, whether Liberian or native, fill me with anxieties & perplexities during the hours that should be devoted to needful sleep--& when these break away there comes the inquiry what will I do if permitted to return to my dear wife & little ones. Can I leave them again to come here? Can I bring them to this hostile climate? Can I abandon this work? I cannot see my way to do either & one I must do. & it is even desirable that some decision be made soon for it will affect our operations here. We must lay plans for the future but will carry them into execution? Bro. H. alone cannot. God, thou who carest for the feeble creatures thou hast made pity direct & strengthen me! Wrote to my wife.

Mond. 9th

Finished running the outer lines around our Mission lands & the reserve. One man working at house. Planted more sweet potatoes--Bro. Heiger[illegible]d not well--very little rain during the day--now-- 8 oclock--rains heavily--Made a plot of our mission lands & those for the Mission Settlement.

Tues. 10th

Run two lines of the Mission Premises & fixed the corners--putting in posts that will sprout & grow. In this way too we have marked all the outs on the lines of the entire tract. Prepared to go to the Cape & in the evening came down as far as Mr. Cooper's Sugar Plantation where having some business I lodged during the night. These two men, Cooper & bro. erected the first steam cane mill on the St. Paul's & have during this season just closed made more sugar than any other establishment here.

Their own crop was 51,000 llbs.
They ground for others 10,000 llbs.
Their own crop of molasses 4,000 gal.
Made for others 1,000 gall.
They employ constantly from 8 to 12 hands--& 4 yokes of OXEN.

The land which they cultivate is not 50 acres. If they can find a ready & cash market for their produce they can certainly succeed well.

Wed. 11

Rose early & after taking breakfast started for Monrovia--Stopped a short time at Mr. Blackledge's & engaged some coffee & orange trees & also some doffee berries & palm nuts to plant. Reached Monrovia

at 2 Oclock.

Gave Mr. A. Washington seventy five dollars cash to purchase English goods for us at Sierra-Leone he being about to sail for that place. Wrote to Mr. J. B. Elliott of S. L.

(Marginal Notes) - I gave to the Mission the name of Muhlenberg in honor of the first Luth.missionary from Germany to the U.S. I named the beautiful little stream which flows down through the Mission lands "Susan Creek" in honor of my faithful wife & the Western Avenue I called after the present Chief Executive of the Republic Benson & these names are on the plot.

Thurs. 12th

Morning--called on Pres. Benson with a plot which I had made of our Mission lands & the Reserve, & which represents the manner in which we propose to divide the lands & fix the roads & passages, & was much gratified to find that the plan met the Pres. hearty approval. I therefore requested the surveyor at once to make out another plot & file it in the Register's Office in order that I might procure the deed. But as the surveyor got intoxicated I did not get the plot.

Afternoon received a visit from a Mr. Carl W. Degurzee (?) who is a man of color,born in Europe & regularly trained in the Lutheran Church, who is now stewerd on board the ship M. C. Stephens, & who desires to procure some aid in getting a more thorough acquaintance with the English language so as to be able to teach in a Mission School, He is highly recommended. I gave him letters of recommendation to Dr. Morris & Rev. Startz of Baltimore. I was much pleased with him.

Evening attended a wedding at the Pres. Mansion. His niece was married to a Mr. John's a merchant of Monrovia. The company was large & there was considerable display of dress by the female part of the gathering. The table was rich & bounteous & the deportment of the guests as well as of the host & hostess was courteous & sensible. I I heard much sensible conversation on various subjects & came away at a late hour much wearied, but encouraged in reference to the future of Liberia.

Frid. 13th

Hired 4 Kroomen--2 for 3 months & 2 for 1 month at 3 dollars per month. Also took in charge a small boy for 6 month's receive instruction & food & clothing for his services. Wrote letters to my wife, Mr. G. Draper, Missionary & Observer.--Evening at 5 Oclock after making some purchases set out in our little boat with considerable load. Arrived at Mr. Blackledges about 8 Oclock at night & there lodged.

Sat. 14th

Early this morning got the coffee & other scions I had engaged & set out for Mr. Ottland's. Procured more trees & Hands took breakfast & then started for Millsburg. Here lightened our boat by taking out some of our luggage & putting in store & then carrying our trees across the country to the Mission. Returned & getting into the boat soon made the usual place of landing & coming on reached this place--Harrisburg at dusk of evening.--Well but weary. Found brol H. well.

Sund. 15th

Forenoon preached as usual here & had ~~kkkk~~ bible lesson.

Mond. 16th

Very rainy could not work out of doors & therefore did not go

over to Muhlenberg. Made some doors x for the house. Bro. Heigerd commenced yesterday giving instruction to the Kroomen that we have employed & today they have been running over the alphabet much of the time, determined to learn. One of them knew most of his letters yesterday & another knows them today. I have almost ever since I came out thought much about devoting considerable attention to this tribe of people, & have often talked with their head men at Monrovia about establishing a school at their town on the sea shore.

Tues. 17th

Considerable Rain, Weather cool--Thermometer 76° to 78°. Today we planted out 22 Coffee trees 18 Plum--2 sour sop--1 sweet sop--4 orange --5 Papa & 3 Guava & two Grunmadilla vines. Worked some at house. Somewhat afflicted with cold.

Wed. 18th

At work on Mission grounds & house. On the way returning Mr. Morten who has been working for us tripped his foot on a vine & falling forward sprained his knee so severly that he could not reach home without my assistance. The water in the river rose today about 3 ft. The current is now very violent & rough as it is driven about by the rocks. Planted Coffee.

Thurs. 19th

Extremely rainy, & not being well I did not cross the river. Kroomen stay at house.

Frid 20th

A clear day & brol H. & myself labored hard at the house all day. Planted about four or five hundred Palm Nuts this afternoon in a nursery intending to make hedge of them so soon as large enough to transplant.

Sat. 21st

Dry most of the day. The man who had been helping us at our house being unable to work we today hired another for a day or two. All pretty well hope to be in our house in about two weeks. Heavy rains this evening & tonight. Our Kroomen continue to lodge at the Mission. We now have five of them & they appear to be good fellows. River has fallen 2 ft. during the last 24 hours.

Sund. 22nd

Forenoon preached for Mr. Harrison to a small audience-- Afternoon had a conversation with the teacher here in regard to his neglect of the school. For the last six weeks he has taught but one day, & during the six weeks preceding he did not teach half the time. He has been unwell part of the time but only a small portion, for he has been attending to his little farm & visiting about at Monrovia & other places, & yet I could not get him to see that he was neglecting his duty. So low is the standard of duty in the Mission work among the generality of colored teachers & preachers, that the most censurable negligence is but a light matter in their esteem. On this account we shall perhaps not soon hire a colored teacher.

Mond. 23rd

Went over to Muhlenberg pretty early & took along a young man who knows something of carpenter work, & we worked till late. Bro. Heigerd returned this evening somewhat unwell.

Mrs. Arnett a colored widow having four children applied for a place as teacher of native children. She is I think truly pious, more

inteligent than the majority of even the teachers here & she appears to be willing to give her time & attention to her work. We however have no native children yet to instruct, but as we will soon if blest with health & prosperity, remove to our place we shall need some one to attend to household duties.

Tues. 24th

Heavy Rain, & constant during last night & today—Bro. H. not well & remained at Harrisburg while I went with the men to Muhlenberg & worked at the house & clearing.

Wed. 25th

Showery & some sunshine bro. H. better & at work along. For one week we have been taking along each morning some of the goods lumber &c. which we had at Harrisburg to the Mission & as the Kroomen had to return each evening after bringing us here we also sent some each time by them. So that now we have most of our effects at the new house although we have only one room partly finished. The Kroomen however are good watchmen & we regard the goods as safe. Owing to the difficulty of crossing the river so often & to the necessity of our being at the Mission daily we are hastening to remove & hope in a few days to remain there one or two nights at a time if not longer. Perhaps we shall procure boarding at Millsburg on the same side of the river for a week or two so that we can go to the Mission by land.

Thurs. 26th

This being the Anniversary of the Declaration of Liberian Independence no one in the settlement worked except ourselves a part of the day. We however returned in time to join in public exercises of the day. I consented to make a short speech. Perhaps parts of it were more truthful than palatable. It made some look surprised when I told them that there was more "Independence" in a good potatoe patch or rice field than in all the demonstrations of the day or all the Declarations we could make in themselves considered, inasmuch as we must to be independent produce what will sustain us either by furnishing food & clothing or by being exchanged for these articles.

Friday 27th

Today we carried the last of our goods at Harrisburg to the Mission & after spending the day in inclosing more completely one room of our house in which most of the things are we left all in the care of the Kroomen & returned to Mr. Harrison's to lodge.

Sat 28

Rose early—got a cup of coffee & went to the Mission to perform some additional labor preparatory my going to Monrovia. Returned to Mr. Harrison's at 1 Oclock & hastily prepared to start for the cape. Bro. Heigerd accompanied me as far as White Plains where he will remain till Monday & then go to the Mission. I had three Kroomen in our little boat & as the downwards was strong we made the distance from Harrisburg to Monrovia—Supposed to be about 25 ms. in 3½ hours. I reached Monrovia just at dark.

Sund. 29th

Preached in the Pres. Ch. in the afternoon to a small audience & going to the M. E. Ch. at night expecting to hear the pastor preach found the people holding Prayer Meeting. He insisted on my speaking & at length I complied & spoke a short time to a somewhat small audience but one that increased after I began. Indeed I think the churches

were very thinly attended here today. The Episcopalians & Baptists had no services in the forenoon nor perhaps at any other part of the day & there were at the Pres. Ch. only ten or twelve persons & they held a prayer meeting. Rain was the alledged excuse for this delinquency. It did rain a little but not enough to warrant such neglect of the house of God. I think the people are growing weary in well doing. In my afternoon discourse at the Pres. Ch. I tried to make them feel so.

Mond. 30th

Rose early--purchase a large number of small articles preparatory to our commencing to keep house--among other things I bought a small stove to put up in the little apartment which we are about to enter--Got the Deed of our Mission Land & had it recorded & after attending to many other items of business I left Monrovia at 4 Oclock in the afternoon & reached Mr. Cooper's by ± 8 Oclock--The water was very strong against--our men pulled hard & were very tired as I had a heavy load in the boat. Lodged at Cooper's.

Tues. 31st

Early this morning I rose procured from Mr. Cooper some articles which we needed & after loading the boat set out for White Plains & there breakfasted. Having been joined at White Plains by bro. Heigerd, we crossed to Millsburg where we unloaded & our men carried during the afternoon most of the articles to our house.

We immediately put up the stove & kindled fire--then put up each of us a Camp Cot & put on proper bed clothes. We made tea & hoisting one large box on a small one for a table, we seated ourselves on trunks--as our chairs are yet at Millsburg--& partook of a well relished meal constituted of crackers, dried herring a little cheese & tea. We have now had our evening worship & all have laid down to rest except myself. I first make this brief record & then will also seek repose which I greatly need as I am very weary.

I desire here record my gratitude to Almighty God who has so mercifully watched over us & our undertaking & had given unto us prosperity. Praise be to Him now & evermore! & I earnestly pray that he will in future grant unto us his guidance & aid! It is now 5 days less than 4 months since we landed at Monrovia, & we now are able to lodge in our own little house. Truly God has been good to us.

August 1860

Wed. 1st

Muhlenberg; owing to exposure to the night air & the rains during a few days past as well as to constant exertion I have felt much prostrated, & somewhat feverish during today. I have therefore done but little. We opened & dried our clothing & other goods & made some little improvements about our house. Bro. Heigert remains well & active.

Thurs. 2nd

Muhlenberg: Felt better today made a frame for our grind-stone & hung the stone ready for use.

Frid. 3rd

Muhlenberg. Busy putting some of our tools in order--hanging window shutters & doors. Bought near 20 lbs of venison at about 5 cents per lb. Bro. H. prepared some for supper & we found it very fine meat. Have been visited by many natives during the last two days.

Sat. 4th

Muhlenberg--Still working a little at house--Repairing oars & boat which from constant use have become worn out of repair.

Sund. 5th

Muhlenberg: Though invited to go to Harrisburg & spend the Sunday I concluded to remain here & rest, as I yet feel much wearied & not entirely well.

Each morning & evening we call in our five Kroomen after reading & explaining a short portion of Scripture we pray to Almighty God to protect, direct & st(r)rengthen us in our work. Each evening also bro. H. gives the men a lesson. Two of them begin to spell in three & four letters although they have been giving but little attention to the book for only about three weeks. They appear to be apt in learning & are very anxious to be able (to) read & write. Sent word this morning to the native town nearest us that I would go over & speak to them this afternoon, but all the headmen were gone to another neighboring town to a feast & the women & boys were in the rice fields watching the birds from the ripening crop, which this season gives promise of being unusually large. Afternoon wrote to my wife & at night to bro. Imhoff, Ohio.--Four month(s) since landing.

Mond. 6th

Muhlenberg--Repaired oars &c. & commenced a "country house" in the forenoon & in the afternoon went to Millsburg, Mr. Palms & White Plains. Purchased Coffee trees & a cow. Lodged at White Plains.

Tues. 7th

This afternoon reached home having had a tedious work in bring(ing) our cow--as we had to swim her over three deep creeks & the river. She is small but we pay for her $30. This evening finished my letter to bro. A. J. Imhoff.

Wed. 8th

Worked some at the house, putting up an additional shed or porch. We wait on the Sawyers for lumber to finish the other room. Planted out coffee trees (25 trees)

Thurs. 9th

Did not accomplish much today--Went to Millsburg in the afternoon & purchased some Coffee, Orange & other trees & brought them home. Bro. H. is quite unwell today--indeed he was yesterday, for he has kept his bed all day. I have given him some medicine & he appears better tonight. I fear as the more sickly season at the close of the Rains comes on he may have a more malignant attack than any he has yet had. May God deal mercifully with us for Jesus Sake. This day has been very rainy, & yet the mercury stands at 80°.

but not so much as today

Frid. 10th

Planted out 75 Coffee trees, six Orange 6 Mango or Plum & some other shrubs. Having borrowed a surveyor's Compass & Chain from Mr. James on leaving Monrovia last time, for the purpose of locating a road or roads along the lines of some of the lots not yet surveyed & also for the purpose of marking off some lands for clearing, I went out this evening to ascertain the variation between this compass & the one with which the lines of our Mission land were run & then start a line for our men to cut out for a road--found that the lines run only some six weeks past have become almost obliterated by the immense growth of vines, bushes &c. However as I marked all the outs by putting in a post of

timber that will continue to grow when thus put into the ground I could find the lines accurately by cutting away the recent growth.

Bro. H. is a little better today but still unable to do anything. Very rainy--that is light rains & heavy mist nearly all day. Everything seems saturated with water. Our little stove is of great service to us in keeping the room & our clothing dry.

Sat. 11th

Went early with the men to cut road--Cut through from S.W. line by compass to the road near our house--Came out at the point desired. We were visited today by a large company from Harrisburg. Bro. H. not much better--can be up but little. This evening had a long task in posting accounts--Am tired but thankful to record that I am quite well. Desired to go down the river as far as Clay Ashland today but could not on account of the state of bro. H's health. bought ½ bushel new rice.

Sund. 12th

A dry day--no rain for 12 hours. Warm sun--mercury 82°--Walked 2 ms. to the town of Balla Jura & preached briefly to the people. Was well received. Bro. H. much better today. Evening wrote to my brother & also to my wife briefly.

Mond. 13th

Today had an application by two men--named Williams & Foster for lots in the Reservation. As they had not been run off by the Surveyor & as I had borrowed a compass & chain at Monrovia I marked them off so that they could see the corners. They were much pleased & made choice of the two lots on the S.W. of the Mission house. I promised to recommend them to the President as soon as they would improve the lots. Worked some at the house. Night wrote to Miss Effie Rogers. Bought about 2 bushels new rice.

Tues. 14th

A dry day--& warm mercury 82°--Our Sawyer commenced work by the month on our own land. Were visited by a number of Liberians & natives. One of the Liberians desires to procure a lot & settle with us. Native again brought rice & fowls. One orphan Liberian, came to be taken into our care--is to come next week. Did some work at the house. Night wrote a short letter for the "Missionary."

Wed. 15th

Not well today & yet have been much annoyed by our laborers & a hoard of natives who came here this mor(n)ing. The laborers--more in number than usual appeared to be unusually awkward & slow to understand & slower still to execute what we ordered. The work was, Planting sweet potatoes--Cutting grass & weeds out of Cassada field--burning brush & putting up an additional shed roof to one side of our house in order to make a kitchen. Dry all day & warm. Among our native visitors were, two chiefs, who no doubt expected that we would provide them a fine meal & give them a large "Dash" or present, & we were not prepared to do the former nor disposed to do the latter they departed without either; and were evidently not well pleased.

Thurs. 16th

Still unwell, but have labored hard. The man who had promised to put on the remainder of our shed roof disappointing us, I finished myself. Afternoon--attending to Sawyers & cutting roads. Although I had never taken hold of a the handles of a pit saw before I found that I could right the men who profess to be Sawyers.

Frid. 17th

Did not sleep last night till after four oclock. Rose feverish & troubled with a hard cough. A wet day--did but little.

Sat. 18th

Not well--evening went to Millsburg & then to Mr. Washington's on business & on returning to Millsburg, heard that Miss Kilpatrick was sick at White Plains--went over--found her better--remained as I was too weary to return--Soon became quite sick & took large doses of medicine which with the fever totally destroyed my rest during the night.

Sund. 19th

At White Plains. In bed all day--fever left me in the evening.

Mond. 20th

Walked home forenoon--very weak--evening worked a little felt unwell--I ~~retur~~ retire early--Am weary--am sad. God help me!

Tues. 21st

Did not rest well ~~perspired~~ perspired profusely--night clothes & bed clothes changed--near morning became chilly--rose early to write some notes & send men to Harrisburg for a carpenter & to attend to other business.

Wed. 22nd

Did not sleep last night till near morning--fever all night --distress in the head--languid & troubled with cough. How I longed during the night for sleep! How I thought of home & desired that I might be there as soon as duty will allow. But patience must have her perfect work. Have a carpenter again, as we have a little more lumber.

Thurs. 23rd

Have felt a little better today & have labored all day. Put up stairs to ascend to our second story--also inclosed the side of the of the unfinished room that remained open. We now have two tolerably comfortable rooms below besides the loft. This also we intend to divide into two apartments. Having sent our Kroomen to take the carpenter over the river in a small canoe, they have just returned & report that, on coming into the midst of the river the canoe was capicized in a violent eddy or whirlpool & in attempting to get it to land it was swept down the stream against a rock & broken in pieces; & that they then swam ashore. I regret this occurrence partly because we shall have to pay for the canoe, but mostly because of the effect it may have on the courage & the reputation of our men.

Frid. 24

Monrovia--Having heard that a vessel had arrived at the Cape with a large number of Recaptured natives, & having some other business to attend to here I started this afternoon & came down to this place. Have had an interview with Mr. Seys the Agt. of the U. S. Govt. for Recaptured Africans, & I think we shall take some 20 or more of these people if we can get youths.

Sat. 25th

Wrote letters to wife & one to Lutheran Observer & sent them with others to my brother, Rev. Imhoff, Miss Rogers & Missionary by the "Storm King" which sailed today under command of Lieut. Hughes for Nor-

folk Va. Visited the recaptured Africans at the Receptacle & other places & was deeply inpressed with the sight. While gazing at them in company with a number of other visitors, their wards or keepers, roused them & rising to a sitting posture (for many were lying down, they sung the following which one of the civilized Congoes interpreted to me & which I thus put into a measure & accent similar to that with which they sung it.

Thus far we've haply come,
But here we cannot stay,
Soon must we go again,
Nor can we tell, which way
Tell which way
Tell which way
Nor can we tell which way

Perhaps to a slaver sold,
Perhaps it is not so;
This ask us not to tell,
Because we do not know,
Do not know
Do not know
Because we do not know.

Here food & drink we find,
And pity too is shown;
But now we end our song;
The future is not known
Is not known
Is not known
The future is not known.

I retired with a sad heart from this scene. But felt & do now feel aroused to act in behalf of the poor degraded creatures. Night wrote a letter to the editor of the Missionary.

Sund. 26th

Preached forenoon in the Methodist Ch. & afternoon in the Baptist. Lodged with Rev. E. W. Blyden.

Mond. 27th

Made application for 40 of the recaptured slaves recently brought here & the application was considered by a committee & the number granted. Sent the boat home loaded.

A female missionary of the M. E. Church Miss. M. Kilpatrick having resigned her charge, a boarding school at White Plains, & being about to return home unless some position in which she thought she could be useful was afforded her by some board & the Methodist not being at this time prepared to act in the matter, made me acquainted with the case, & after some reflection & prayer pro proposed to procure 20 Congo girls & rent her a house to keep & teach them in till we could build her a house at Muhlenberg, if she would undertake that work in connection with us. She accepted & we agreed at once to select the girls. I then went to Bishop Burns a truly fraternal man & frankly spoke to him of the matter above mentioned, explaining the circumstances under which I made the proposition to Miss. K. & he received the explanation in a truly Christian Spirit. Made some arrangements about carrying the Congoes up home & at a late hour retired & slept some.

Tues. 28th

Rose early & made purchases of various necessary articles to the amount of $100 before breakfast. Selected 20 boys & sent them to Millsburg on the packet, in care of a civilized Congo. Selected 20 girls & put them under the care of a civilized Congo to take up in a canoe to-morrow morning--one boat returned about 11 Ok. from the Mission bringing a letter from bro. H. all well. Made some additional purchases, pre-paratory to setting out for home in the morning & now with mingled feel-ings of hope & fear--of joy & sorrow I am about to retire for rest. O my God wilt thou aid us in our difficult & arduous work of instructing & providing for these pitiable & depraved creatures! Do thou, our Help, be ever near.

Wed. 29th

Rose very early--Got all in readiness--started the canoe with 20 girls about 9 oclock & at 11 Oclock got off with the boat well loaded with articles for immediate use. Reached Millsburg at 4 Oclock--found the boys sent yesterday doing well. Put the girls into an empty house during the night. Lodged at White Plains with Miss Kilpatrick who aided me in the selection of the girls & came up with me in the boat & perhaps will join our Mission & take charge of our girls.

Thurs. 30th

Went to Muhlenberg taking along five of the larger boys. Pre-pared a country house for the reception of our 20 boys. Returned in the evening--accompanied by bro. Heigerd. Very weary. Lodge with Mr. Outland.

31st

This morning bro. H. started for the Mission with our 20 boys. Having furnished the boys with shirts yesterday, we gave the girls frocks this morning. Highly pleased the girls left the rented house for that of a civilized Congo into whose care I gave them till I return & the boys left at the same time for the Mission--Went down the river to rent a house in Millsburg from Mr. Palm the agent. Returned late & gave directions about preparing the house for the girls. Lodge tonight at Millsburg.

September 1860

Sat. 1st

Rose early & went to see some sawyers whom I desired to hire & who were not at home till a late hour last night--Crossed over to White Plains--breakfasted there--& then started down the river calling at several places on business & reached Monrovia at 4 Oclock. Found the Benson would not leave till Monday evening. I retire very weary. The south shore a ship bringing stores, implements &c. for the Congo Slaves recaptured off Key West, & also bringing some three hundred of the slaves, came to anchor here this afternoon, but has brought no letters. I am much disappointed as I expected to hear from my dear wife & the Committee. One of the ships containing several hundred more of the Key West recaptives is now at Cape Mt. discharging. And another is at or near Cape Palmas. The South Shore was to land her people here, & at Bassa & Mr. Dennis the Colonization agt. Mr. Seys, American Consul, & Pres. Benson were to determine upon the number that were to be taken to each place. Pres. Benson is determined that all shall go to Bassa although both of the others are for landing some here. Pres. B's home is at Bassa & as there is a large amount of stores on the vessel & as great numbers have died, these provisions will not be needed for the people, but can be taken the authorities into whose hands the Congoes

may be entrusted at Bassa. The farmers in this country, who have recently taken large numbers of the recaptives are much in need of clothing & food & implements of husbandry & yet it seems that but a small share of the large supply in port will be landed here. Pres. B. is rather arbitrary & unfair in some of his recent public acts, & will not likely be re-elected. We now have very rainy weather.

Sund. 2nd

Morning wrote to my dear wife--Forenoon heard Rev. F. Burns preach a sensible discourse on future retribution--Afternoon preached at the Methodist Church. Evening had a long conversation with Rev. C. Seys on the subject of Liberian Missions & the disposal & proper treatment of the Congoes recently brought here.

Mond. 3rd

Rose early wrote to my wife--my little girls--Rev. W. H. Harrison--Rev. Chas A. Hay--Mr. James Getty & a note to the Observer. Made some purchases & at 2 Oclock P.M. left Monrovia to ascend the river--There having been very heavy rains in the interior the river was rising rapidly & the current was unusually strong. At 8 oclock I reached Cooper's & as the men were much fatigued & hungry I stopped till morning.

Tues. 4th

Rose at day light & having loaded the boat started for White Plains--there took breakfast--Crossed over to Millsburg--Examined the house which I had rented for our Congo girls. Evening came up to the Mission bringing along Wesley W. Teal, an orphan Liberian who wishes to remain with us about three years. Found bro. Heigerd well.

Wed. 5th

Attending to various kinds of work at the Mission. Commenced planting Palm hedge. (Five months since landing.)

Thurs. 6th

At home--busy working at home & various other things. Afternoon a Mr. Jacobs, an American immigrant from Charleston S. C. U. S. who has been here some ten years or more & yet has done nothing for himself--came to commence work by the month as carpenter--I agreed to give him $15 per month & he accepted the offer.

Frid. 7th

Mr. Jacobs began work this morning.--Attended to several duties here in the morning. Went to Millsburg--White Plains Mr. Washingtons & to Mr. Harrison's where I saw Mrs. Arnett a colored woman--widow with three daughters & a grand son, who heretofore has made application for a place as an assistant at our Mission. I agreed to employ her to aid in teaching & taking care of our Congo girls. She desired only that the Mission give her & her girls a living & on my asking her what she could live on per month she replied $4. & that she would engage to give their services for that amount. I told her that we would furnish her a room to herself & wood for her use & give her $5. per month & she appeared much pleased. Returned to Millsburg late in the evening—very dark—found the landing with difficulty & concluded to remain at Millsburg during the night.

Sat. 8th

Rose very early--removed some stores &c. to a house that I had rented for a short time for our Congo girls & some one to take care of them. Removed Mrs. Arnett to Millsburg, brol Heigerd having come down to help. Her second daughter being greatly afflicted with a sore on her foot--having already lost one toe had to be carried with great care in a hammock. Christ cared for the poor. This woman & her children are objects of charity & at the same time may do us much good. May God smile upon this new relation! Came home late this evening weary enough. Bro. H. did not return as he had gone to White Plains. All our Congoes & Kroomen have gone to rest & our place is as quiet as the grave. Nothing heard but the slight scratching of my pen. What will the state of this place in 20 or 50 years, hence. Will it again be overgrown by bush & be half deserted as so many of the settlements in all parts of Liberia are? God forbid! Purchased a house from Mr. Outland at $55. I design to remove it from Millsburg for a school house, as we are much in need of one & can put this up in a shorter time than we can erect a new one.

Sund. 9th

This has been to me a day of peaceful rest. As it was somewhat rainy I did not take the boys to Millsburg as I had designed but remained quietly at home. Had all called together twice for religious exercises, but as I had no Congo interpreter I could not speak to the Congo boys. To the Kroomen I spoke in English. Read some in "Venn's duty of man". How pleasant thus to commune with the devout & pious of past times!

Mond. 10th

But little done today pointed out work in the morning for hired men & boys.--Went to Millsburg--to receive a cask of salt & measure & store it--Man did not come at all to measure it--Waited two hours & then went over river to see why he did not appear at the hour appointed. "He really had forgotten it"--thus time goes here. Three of the Congo girls sick--& needy of attention because of eating green fruit.-- Congo boys rebellious while I was absent would not get wood for cooking-- thus creating a necessity for inquiry & likely for punishment tomorrow morning. Wrote an agreement between the Mission & Mrs. Arnet. Had a long dispute with a Liberian about a bill he presented for payment. It got dark--three miles to go home theree creeks or creeks at three places to cross & small poles, without handrail--Bush thick & path crooked & narrow. Got home weary & wet with perspiration--thus we go.

Tues. 11th

Forenoon--at home attending to work--Afternoon again at Millsburg & A. Washington's measuring & receiving salt & other articles for which I had sent to Sierra-Leone. Three Congo boys sick--the three sick girls better.

Wed. 12th

Working at an addition to our house. Cutting road--clearing up the yard--building a country house & making fence some by the job-- some by the month & some by the day. Congo boys appear to improve. Considerable Rain--Hard showers at times & at others fine drizzling rain or mist. Health pretty good--Thanks to our Father above.

Thurs. 13th

At home--variously employed.

Frid. 14th

Quite unwell & did but little.

Sat. 15

Still unwell--Gave names today to our boys & this evening tried to teach each one his name by repeating it & at the same time pointing him out. Many of them readily remembered them, but others could not.

This has been perhaps the most rainy day we have had during the season--It never ceased from early till late & much of the (time) it rained very heavily. Our Kroomen in going to Millsburg were compelled to swim one of the creeks as the water entirely covered the foot log.

We have not been able yet to give as much attention to our boys as we desired partly for want of time & partly for want of room. But we hope soon to have a place better prepared for meeting in & more time to devote to their instruction. The names, arranged after the size of the Boys are as follow.

1. Wm. A. Passavant
2. John D. Martin
3. Hezekiah Geiger
4. Charles A. Hay
5. Chas. P. Krauth
6. Michael Deihl
7. Thomas Hill
8. Walter Gunn
9. John Heck
10. Samuel S. Schmucker
11. Jacob F. Reinmund
12. Henry Reck
13. Alexander J. Imhoff
14. John W. Goodlin
15. Jacob B. Baltzley
16. Edward Kilpatrick
17. Frederick W. Conrad
18. Benjamin Kurtz
19. Samuel Sprecher
20. William H. Harrison

No doubt some of these boys will disappoint our hopes of them, but at present they do appear to be a very promising company of heathen children.

Sund. 16th

A very wet day, but as the river has fallen a little the rains have evidently subsided somewhat in the interior. The boys & men today keep close to their fires when they can & complain of cold, although the mercury does not descend below 78°--Yesterday it was down to 75°.

Mond. 17

Rainy part of the day--not much done--Cutting timber & making roads.

Tues. 18th

Our sawyers having been detained the last few days at Millsburg by high water, came again today. Made some rude stone butments at the crossing of Susan Creek & put on a foot-log. Looked out a lot of timber to hew & saw for a School House. Made drawings of School House for the carpenter.

Wed. 19th

At the Mission--considerable Rain--Commenced porch in front of our house.

Thurs. 20th

At Millsburg, White Plains, &c. Lodged at White Plains with Rev. Walker of the Gaboon Mission--a sensible good man.

Frid. 21st

Having heard that the Ocean Eagle of New-York is in & has brought letters & papers for us I came down this morning from White Plains to Monrovia by breakfast. It rained terribly almost the whole time of our passage. I received only one letter--that from my dear wife. All pretty well at its date (July 6th). She had received no word from me up to that date--but in two of our church papers issued ~~xx~~ one week later there are two of my letters which were sent by the same vessel that took my first letter to my wife. Rained all day & I did nothing but read the papers just received till late this evening when I made some small purchases. At night made a settlement with Rev. S. Harrison who is now here. We had boarded with him some months at Harrisburg & had purchased lumber &c. from him to the amount of nearly $100. but we soon completed the settlement as we had no disputing to ~~do~~--as is the case in most of the settlements I make here. Mr. H. has dealt fairly with us.

Sat. 22nd

This morning received from Rev. John Seys, U.S. agent for recaptured Africans, 757½ yds. of cotton cloth to make two suits of clothes a piece for our Congo children. Also took his due bill for the amount of 40 country cloths at 80 cts each which he was to furnish but which I purchased at once on taking the children. Gave Mr. Gabriel Moore a draft on the Treas. of the Mission for $100. & thus closed an account with him. Closed an account with McGill & bro. by receiving several articles from his store & a balance in cash due the Mission of $45.47. Purchased goods from Warnee & Son amounting to $17.80. Received a good letter from my dear wife--it having come in this morning by the vessel which brought up the Eng. mail of last month. At 11½ Oclock started home--came here--White Plains--by 7 Oclock in the evening--Boatmen tired out--Myself hungry & weary & so we lodge here. The river is now very high & the water runs with great rapidity & force, & is difficult of ascent.

Sund. 23rd

Forenoon preached at Millsburg & aided bro. Roberts of the M. E. Church in administering the Communion. A long & heavy rain detained us in the church till late in the afternoon. Lodge again at White Plains. Evening--Baptized an infant son of Mr. Anderson--the first child that I have baptized in Liberia.

Mond. 24th

Early this morning the Kroomen came down & informed me that bro. Heigerd was sick & that 11 of our Congo boys had run away on Friday night while I was at the Cape. These two items of inteligence saddened my heart much. I hastened home as soon as I could & found bro. H. rather better. The boys had taken with them 14 country cloths seven cuttlasses & three or four chickens. They deterred the 9 who refused to accompany them from telling us by threats of murdering them. But as soon as they had left one of these remaining came to the house & knocked at the door till he aroused bro. H. & informed him that the others had gone. As however there was only one Kroomen here they made no pursuit. Miss Kilpatrick came along here today & seems much pleased with the place. This evening late I heard that 11 Congo boys with cuttlasses &c. were seen this morning on the Carrysburg road about 4 ms. from the river & were going on ~~kk~~ to the southeast, & also that they informed some one whom they met that they were on their way to the Congo country & would be guided on the journey by the sun till they reached

their own country. I immediately sent two men to Millsburg to start very early in the morning after them & make all efforts they could to assist them. I had already sent word down the river & back into the country that any one who would return them would receive a reward.

Tues. 25th

Reconstructed a foot bridge over Susan creek--it having been swept away by the recent violent flood. Went to Millsburg & White Plains with Miss. K. in a heavy Rain. Returned late tonight--wet & weary.

Wed. 26th

Mending some chairs that were broken on the passage. Putting sash & glass in the windows of our house--having hitherto only used shutters as is common here. But as we could not have light except when the shutters were open we found glass desirable. Superintending--some clearing & the erection of country houses. Bro. H. still improves. Today has been pretty dry & warm; but the rain falls heavily now & there is a prospect of a wet night.

Thurs. 27th

Clearing ground for Coffee Trees & vegetables.

Frid. 28th

Resumed work again on the road to Millsburg. A rainy afternoon--very hot sun during part of the forenoon. This evening about 5 Oclock Mr. Jacobs our carpenter who with Mr. Williams had gone in search of our Congo boys returned with nine of them & reported that the other two would most likely be returned tomorrow--that he overtook the boys about 9 hours walk beyond Carrysburg, in a native town of the Queah tribe--that they had, after a fight in which several of them were wounded, been captured & divided out among the men of the town as slaves & that he had difficulty in getting them. Some of them have lost their country cloths & shirts & they all look weary & distressed. Thanks be to God that they have been brought back! And may we have grace & wisdom to train them up in the right way. & may they prove an honor to the Church.

Sat. 29th

This forenoon was spent in examining the boys seperately in order to ascertain all we could in regard to their running away. The following is, briefly the result of our examination of nearly half a day.

About ten days past some of the larger of our boys were with us at Millsburg doing some work & while there they fell in company with one of Mr. Zach. Outlands Congo boys who told them that a number of Mr. Cato Outland's Congoes had run away & that he had not been able to find them & suggested that they all might as well leave & go where they pleased. On their way home our boys discussed the matter & it seems came to the conclusion to prepare for making their escape. Accordingly on reaching the Mission they did not give up their cutlasses, with which they had been cutting ~~grass~~ grass, to be locked up as usual, & as I was ~~away~~ on my way to Monrovia, & bro. H. only was at home & as he was unwell & the evening was very rainy no one took the knives from them & they were carefully laid away for use on the way after they should make their escape. The next day they managed in some way to get three more cutlasses making seven in all. The matter it seems was spoken of among the larger boys for a day or two more & they finally on Friday night the 21st they informed the small boys that they had determined on leaving

the Mission & returning to their own country. The(y) accordingly brought out the seven cutlasses & killing 4 chickens ate two of them & cooked the other two for the journey. They then urged all the small boys to join them in their flight. In this as well as in all the preparations hitherto the boy whose country name is Menzamba but whom we call John D. Martin took the lead. He said that he was no slave nor was his father--that good or noble blood flowed in his veins & that let the others do as they would he would return to his country. The little boys refused a long parley ensued--the little ones threatened to awake bro. H. & tell him of their going--the large ones threatened to strike them down with their cutlasses if they attempted to leave the country house in which they then were--Finally 6 of the small boys were induced to go along with the 5 large ones, & ciesing three of the country cloths belonging to the boys that remained they hastily left. The boy "Zinga"--now Michael Deihl ran at once to the door of the Mission house roused bro. H. & told him what had taken place. As however only one of our Kroomen was then at home no pursuit was attempted.

(I did not reach White Plain on my return from Monrovia till late Saturday night & as the boatmen were tired out, we lodged there. Next morning being urged by Mr. Roberts to remain & preach for him that morning I concluded to do so & then not go home till Monday morning as I had business to attend to at Millsburg & also would have to take up our load of goods from White Plains. I however sent the Kroomen home with a note to bro. H. informing him of my design of remaining till Monday but requesting him if he was unwell to let me know at once. But he did not send me any word till Mond. morning when he sent the Boatmen to tell me that he was sick & that 11 of the Congoes had run away. I at once despatched a messenger to the Congo towns on the left bank of the St. Pauls to inform the people of event & to request them to bring back the boys if they should come to either of the places. Then crossing over to Millsburg, I made inquiries & sent word out that I would give a reward to any one who would return the fugitives. Coming on home I found bro. H. better but could do nothing more that day. In the evening hearing that the boys had been seen going towards Carysburg that morning early (24th I procured two men to start from Millsburg in pursuit by sunrise next morning.)

The boys went to the Cassada fields N.W. of Millsburg & remained till Sunday night when they came down to town loosed a large canoe at one of the landing & using sticks & cutlasses for paddles passed over to the S.E. side & set out with each a load of Cassada taken from the fields above mentioned. A few miles from the river they met a man whom they told that they were going to their own country & that they would be guided in their journey by the sun. At Careysburg an attempt was made to arrest them but it failed & after a short skirmish in which two of the boys lost their shirts & three their country cloths they pursued their way. Some 12 or more miles S.E. of Carysburg they came to a large native town of the Queah tribe. Placing the little boys in front & directing them which way to go the large ones covered the rear & fought off all who attempted to take them while they hurried the little fellows through the village. With difficulty all passed through, but were closely pursued by the men of the place & the beating of the drum in the town hastily called in all the people from the rice fields & in crossing a creek close to the town the 6 little ones were captured. Their cries soon brought back the five large ones & a sharp fight ensued, which must have lasted more than half an hour. "Soangu"--now Wm. A. Passavant was taken after some wounds. "Panzo"--now Hezekiah Geiger--was also smitten down with a hand spike & after laying senseless for some time found himself bound. Koobe--now Chas. P. Krauth received a terrible blow of a cutlass on the top of the head--laying open the

flesh for three inches or more & was also captured.--Chas. A. Hay "Kualla" received a sever(e) cut on the little finger of his left hand, but was not taken. Martin the leader appears to have fought desperately. Being first attacked by the headman of the town who, struck him upon the arm he returned the blow-cut off the point of the man's shoulder & made a gash in the side of his neck. Several arrows were shot at him & Hay & a number of spears were thrown none of which took effect. A man then drew near with a gun & was about to discharge it when Martin sprang forward ciezed the gun turned it aside & made a stroke with his cutlass at the man's head, which he escaped by letting go the gun & retreating. Finally these two Martin & Hay seeing that all the others were taken & that their enemies were multiplying about them turned & fled to swamp where they remained most of the time till they in some way learned that our men had come for them & were in the town & they then came forth & gave themselves up. They had however come round to this side of the swamp when they received the inteligence & they say that it was their design to return home as soon as the road would be clear. They certainly exhibited a good degree of courage & skill in defence.

After the examination I told them what punishment each would receive & after a faint plea for pardon they all submitted with calmness humility to their fate. They moreover confess that it is just & right.

Afternoon hastened to Millsburg to see how the girls under the care of Mrs. Arnet are doing also to attend to other business there & at White Plains. Settled with one of our sawyers for a month's work & hired him again at $9 per month & he boards himself. He is a Congo & serves as our interpreter when here. Was kept at Millsburg till late at night--& as it was very rainy did not return home but lodged at White Plains. Had a long conversation with Miss K. about her joining our Mission. Retired weary & sad-weary from exertion--Sad at the scenes of the day & some dark clouds that seem to be gathering over us, & our work.

Sund. 30th

Spent forenoon at Millsburg with the girls & after-noon here with the boys the exercises at both places were pleasant & encouraging. God be praised for the mercies of this day & pleasures I have enjoyed in my wonted (?) employment.

October 1860

Mond. 1st

Rainy most of the day--Cutting Millsburg Road. Sawyers not here--Carpenter working at house.

Tues. 2nd

After giving directions about the work this morning, I went to Millsburg to attend the annual meeting of the citizens of the township for the purpose of Electing Road Commissioners, arranging business pertaining to roads generally & attending to some other township interests. I also told the two native chiefs, Balla Jury & Jalla Billa to attend the meeting to procure release from some oppression practices that the Millsburg people have persisted in towards them. They claim that their township is 8 miles square--but the only road that they recognize as a public highway is a street, so called,--running through what was once the village of Millsburg & suburb, but more than one half of which is now overgrown with bushes, & which is perhaps not much more than ½ mile long. They have been compelling the natives to come in from

the towns of the chiefs above mentioned, a distance of three miles in the ~~xxxx~~ one case & four in the other, & to work this piece of road, & at the same time obliging them to keep open the paths from their own towns to Millsburg--About two years since they prosecuted these chiefs & made them pay a fine of about $35. for neglect of these country paths, as they call them. I urged that they should release the natives from one or the other & as we had now formed a new settlement nearer these natives & the law made the division line for road making half way between any two settlements they should allow the natives to work the country paths, or join with us in cutting a road to Millsburg. For although according to law they would be required to make half the road, we were willing to make it all, if only they would release us from working the road immediately before their doors. They refused--I then proposed that they keep the help of the natives on their little piece of road & only instruct their road commissioners to locate that part of the road that would be in their bounds & the Mission would make the entire road. They refused. I then spoke of cutting out the road ourselves & one of the men--Zach. Outland that owns land on the ~~xxxx~~ rout(e) of the road ~~xxxx~~ said that I could not make a road through his land without his permission & on my asking if he would grant that permission he would make no definite reply. Because I had said in the presence of the chiefs that it was not right or lawful to make the natives work in town & make the country roads too, ~~Ex~~ Esq. Cato Outland threatened me with prosecution for inciting the natives to rebellion. So perverse a spirit I never met before.

The other business with which I had nothing to do was got through with amid insults to each other--Boasts of freedom & declarations that they would not obey the law--& that Pres. could not compel them to observe the law unless they chose to do so. I retired with a heavy heart--& almost ready to agree with the southern slave holders of the U.S. that the negroes will never make a civilized & independent people. I also discovered that that is the real sentiment of many in that meeting & this explains their refusal to aid or even encourage--or even let alone any one who attempts public improvements. They are convinced that the whole undertaking here will fail & all they seek for present ease & profit.

Evening went to Mr. Harrison's--Retired very late--rather unwell.

Wed. 3rd

Went to Millsburg--attended to some small duties there--came home--sick--all the way through a drenching rain.

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1862
May 1st Lancaster Pa.

General Synod met this morning. Attendance pretty large. I have come to attend to African Mission business.

May 6th

The African Mission was transferred from the Committee that has thus far conducted it to the Ex. Com. of For. Miss. by the Gen. Syn. with the recommendation that I continue as superintendent. This however was not my wish as I had alredy offered my resignation.

May 7th

Had a conference with a part of the Ex. Com. of For. Miss. & they stated that they were unwilling at present to release me from the Mission, but said they expected soon to have a change in the Cor. Secretaryship of Missions & having in view the founding of an additional Mission in China, the Secretaryship would with some traveling on behalf of the cause, demand the entire time of one man, & they plainly indicated that they were expecting me to take that position so soon as the change would be made. Nothing definite however was done & we made an appointment to meet again in New-York on the 28th of this month.

May 19th

Baltimore having come down here last week to purchase & send out some supplies to the Miss. I was informed by Dr. Morris that the Home Miss. Committee had appointed me a traveling missionary for the South West--to visit their stations explore with a view to form new stations & also to visit destitute churches & preach to them as often as compatible with the other portions of my work. This appointment I must confess I would much like to fill as it would afford me the opportunity of preaching to the really needy. But can do nothing till I meet the For. Miss. Com. at New-York.

New-York May 28th 1862

Came up here last night to attend a meeting of the Com. here today--Met at 9 Oclock this morning at Le(c)ture Room of St. James Church 15th St. Mr. Senderling Cor. Sec. not being present at the hour, we delayed action till he arrived--about 11 Oclock.

Com. resolved today to send bro. Steiner to Africa in the fall if practicable. We spent much time in discussing the interests of the African Miss. & the Com. manifested a determination to carry forward the work vigorously.

Thurs. 29th

We had a small missionary meeting last night in the St. James Church. I spoke briefly about the African Mission & Dr. Pohlman closed with an appeal in behalf of the work. This morning after calling on Mrs. Heigerd, friend here, I went to the lecture room & found the brethren discussing the subject of the China Mission. The Com. resolved to proceed immediately to carry out the wish of the General Synod in regard to the founding of a Miss. in China. They determined to send forth at once bro. Neumann to collect funds for the founding of the Mission.

This afternoon the Com. resolved to continue me as superintendent of the Af. Miss. & also appointed me as General Agent of Foreign Missions; & they warmly urge me to accept the appointment. But my way does not seem clear to do so. I have been thinking much recently about

engaging in the Home Mission work. I feel much perplexed about the matter & have asked of the Com. one month to decide whether I will accept or not.

Philadelphia Pa. May 30th

Came down here last night. Wrote letters, to Rev. Schock, Geiger, & Senderling. Also attended to some business with Martin Buehler.

Sunday June 1st 1862

I spend this day with Dr. Hay at Harrisburgh Pa. Preached for him this forenoon & will preach for bro. Johnson tonight. Dr. Hay rather advises me to engage in the Home Mission work, as that cause is now in great need of some efforts that will revive its interests in our church.

Pittsburgh June 3rd

Came over to attend the meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod & to see Rev. Neumann, who has just been appointed a missionary to China. He is a most earnest & sincere Christian & also a man of very great learning—My own heart has been refreshed by Christian counsel & conversation with him.

Holmesville O. June 6th

Today while visiting here with my friends I wrote a short article in regard to the African Miss. for the Lutheran Observer & also for the Lutheran & Missionary. Am yet undecided as to what I will do about accepting the agency of For. Miss.

Allentown Pa. June 18th '62.

Came up here yesterday to attend the meeting of the Pennsylvania Synod with a view to arrange with the synod for operation within its bounds if I would accept the For. Miss. Agency, & also to prepare the way for Rev. Neuman to operate in behalf of the China Mission. After some further consultation with several of the brethren I have now decided to accept the appointment of the Ex. Com. of For. Miss. & at once will enter on my work. I have accordingly written to bro. Senderling Cor. Sec. accepting the agency.

I have now secured permission of the synod to visit the churches in its connection in behalf of the Foreign Missions of our church.

I have accepted this agency with much hesitation & misgiving, as I have thought I would not again engage in a traveling collecting agency, & as I have always desired to labor in the west. If I would accept the agency I saw that I would have to remove to some place east of the Mountains & this would take me away from the west where I have desired to labor, & live.

Having now accepted the agency I here record the Res. past by the Ex. Com. at New-York May 28th 1862.

"Res. That the instructions given to Mr. Heigerd by Mr. Officer be indorsed by this Committee.

Res. That Mr. Officer be directed to collect all the monies belonging to the Af. Mission excepting the $1000. invested with Mr. J. D. Martin, & to remit the same to our Treas. Martin Buehler Esq.

Res. that by the transfer of the African Miss. it becomes necessary to concentrate our funds in the hands of our Treas. Martin Buehler Esq. & that having requested Mr. Officer to collect & pay over the securities in his hands, Mr. J. D. Martin Esq. former Treas. of the African Miss. be assured of our gratitude for his kind services hitherto; & that he be informed that whenever it suits his convenience to transfer the funds in his hands to Mr. Buehler we will relieve him of all further labor & responsibility.

Res. that Mr. Steiner be advised of our wish to have him proceed to Africa in the course of the present year.

Res. that Mr. Heigerd be directed to hold out the promise of marriage to the older boys & girls, in the last year of their apprenticeship, if their deportment be such as would warrant it.

Res. that the propriety of sending Annie Selkirk to Africa be left to the discretion of Rev. Officer.

Res. that we coincide in Mr. Officer's directions to Mrs. Heigerd in regard to her returning to the U.S.

Res. that we promise to give an outfit to each married couple from our Af. Miss. when the marriage is in accordance with the wishes of our missionaries--of $20 to consist of a dress for each--an ax, a hoe & other necessary household & farming utensils.

Res. that the salary of Mr. Steiner be $400. for the first year with an outfit of $150. His salary to commence from the time of his arrival in Africa.

Res. that a draft be drawn ~~xx~~ on the Af. Miss. funds in favor of Rev. M. Officer for $266.42--of which $200. is for salary due, & $66.42 being travelling expenses & for goods sent to Africa.

Res. that Rev. M. Officer be continued superintendent of African Mission in connection with the general Financial agency of the Foreign Mission Society."

Resolutions adopted by the Ex. Com. at Athens New-York State July 8th & 9th 1862.

"Res. that half of Mr. Officer's salary & expenses be charged to the Af. Miss. & the other half to our General fund.

Res. that he continue the management of the Af. Miss. as hitherto, reporting all correspondence, asking the committee for instructions, laying before them all bills for necessary purchases for their authentication, with such other suggestions from time to time as may be demanded by the wants of the Mission.

As financial agent he will visit all the synods & conferences within his reach whether belonging to the Gen. Synod or not, with a view of awakening a deeper interest among our ministers & of inducing them to adopt a systematic plan of aiding our funds by monthly & Sunday School collections.

He shall visit all the churches he can taking up collections & inducing them to adopt some method of sustaining our Missions--detailing his own particular operations & such general missionary intelligence as shall come within his reach.

All funds which may come into his hands, he will transmit to the Treas. Martin Buehler Esq. specifying the particular object to which they are to be appropriated."

Aug. 5th

Wrote to Mr. Heigerd replying to his letters of April 26 & June 1st & 2nd in informing him of Mr. Steiner's appointment of design to send supplies & ~~bibles~~ bibles for advanced pupils in Sept. or Oct.

Aug. 8th Washingtonville O.

Came here today to attend a meeting of the East Ohio Synod & was sadly disappointed in not meeting bro. B. T. Steiner who has been appointed missionary to Africa, & who was to meet me here, & in receiving from him a letter stating that he had entered the army & could not for the present go to our Mission. Although I cannot censure bro. S. for his course yet I feel ~~xxx~~ deeply disappointed & troubled by his change of determination. It seems to me that since the Government has

resolved on drafting & therefore will procure the required number of soldiers at any rate he should have continued in his design to go to the Mission & if drafted either pay some one to go in his place or allow the Ex. Com. to pay the necessary sum for him. Now I know of no one suitable for the work. May God direct us & take care of his holy cause.

Aug. 14th

Yesterday the E. O. Synod adjourned & I came over here--Pittsburgh, Pa. to see bro. Neumann about going to China & find him in great doubt as to his duty.

Sunday Aug. 31st '62 Springfield O.

I am now detained here by the order of the Government relative to drafting--Ministers being obliged to perform military duty in this state & there being an order from the Secretary of War that all able bodied men between the ages of 18 & 45 remain within their own county till after the 3 of Sept. I am unable to go to New-York to purchase supplies for our Mission & send out on a vessel that is to sail in a day or two. There is not the least necessity of this detention of persons whose business requires them to leave the county or State & it seems hard that our Mission interests should suffer without rendering any good to the country. The whole regulation requiring Ministers of the Gospel to perform military duty in (is) infidel in in its character & ought to be changed.

I am beginning to feel that I must give up this agency. I have had so many hindrances in the state of the country & so on that I feel much discouraged as I cannot secure sufficient funds to justify my continuance & acceptance of salary. May My Merciful & Heavenly Father direct me in this perplexity! I do desire to do the will of God Oh that I may surely know what that will is!

Springfield O. Sept. 10th 1862

Having been informed by the Ex. Com. that they will not suspend the agency on account of the war but require me to go on with the work I have sold my house & most of my goods & today start east intending to locate somewhere in Eastern Pa. to prosecute my agency. I go with great reluctance as the country is in a state of excitement & alarm altogether unfavorable to my work, but believing that I would not now be justified in resigning the charge of the African Mission I feel bound to continue in the agency also as it is all the same general work. May God the All Wise & All Merciful direct me.

Shipensburg Pa. Sept. 16th

I came here last Friday 12th to attend the meeting of the West Pennsylvania Synod & found only about one third of the synod in attendance on account of the threatened invasion of the state by the rebel army. Each day since there have been hundreds & on some days thousands of soldiers rushing up this valley towards the scene of conflict at Boonsboro Md. The brethren here being anxious to return to their homes hurried through the most important business & on Saturday about noon adjourned. I remained with bro. Gotwalt--Preached Sat. & Sund & aided in administering the Sacrament--Lectured Sund afternoon & preached at night in the Presbyterian Church. Yesterday received bills of goods purchased for the African Mission & bro. Heigerd by Yates & Porterfield New-York & shipped to Monrovia by the Bark Greyhound, & today have ordered the payment of the bills & have arranged the Mission accounts & have written some letters. News have come that our army have defeated the rebels in a terrible battle at Boonsboro or Middletown (or in that vicinity) Md. More than one hundred rebel prisoners have been taken down to Harrisburgh this morning.

Lancaster Pa. Sept. 23

Came down here early this morning--rented a house for six months at $48--wrote letters to John F. Mitchell--W. W. Criley--Luth. Observer--Luth. & Missionary--Rev. W. M. Baum--Wife--& Rev. J. Z. Senderling--

Today is published Pres. Lincoln's Proclamation Emancipating the slaves of all rebels & calling attention to the Confiscation acts of Congress & ordering all Military Officers to enforce them on pain of dismission from the service. I think it will prove a hard blow to the rebellion. May God speed the work, untill all are free!

Have been very sad all day on account of my doubts in regard to my duty of removing here. May the All Wise One guide me & if in deciding to come here I have erred may he have mercy & pardon all the wrong. I do desire to serve God & do his will. O may I then find grace & strength to avail for my hours of need.

Mond. Oct. 13th 1862. Lancaster Pa.

We arrived here last Wednesday morning & on Tues. took up our abode in a house on Duke St. near Vine, where we expect to make our home for a few months at least. The house is pleasantly located & is convenient. We have great reason to be thankful for so good a home & for the health & other blessings which we enjoy. I am not without misgivings about my agency, as the country continues in such a dreadful state of commotion & warfare, but will now do the best I can. And may the Divine assistance be granted me to make me useful & happy. Oh that I could be more devout & faithful.

Philadelphia Pa Oct. 15th '62

Procured a donation of two boxes of "Saponifier" from Mr. Geo. Lewis of Phia. for Dr. McGill & D. B. Warner Monrovia Liberia to be sent from New-York by the Ann Yates & Porterfield.

Lancaster Pa. Nov. 10th 1862

Have just returned from Baltimore Md. where I shipped a lot of supplies to Africa for both bro. Heigerd & the Mission. Remitted complete bills of the articles to bro. Heigerd & wrote him at length in regard to the interests of the Mission.

At Baltimore I became acquainted with a colored man by the name of F. J. Peck, a preacher of the Meth. Prot. Church of whom I think favorably as a candidate for appointment to Muhlenberg Mission.

Perryville Pa. Nov. 14th '62

Today met here bro. Jacob Klien, formerly student of Witt. Col. O. who is considering the subject of going as missionary to Muhlenberg. May the Lord direct him & us!

Feb. 9th 1863

Since making the above record I have met bro. Klein several times for the purpose of talking with him about going to Africa & have also corresponded with him considerably. Indeed he had received a conditional appointment by the Committee & had accepted it but he so often wavered & seemed to have so little resolution that I at length told him I thought he ought not to go & to this he gave his assent; but again afterwards very earnestly urged me to favor his going & I consented again to present the case to the Com. But in a day or two again he was as unsettled as before, & I then decidedly told him he could not go, & he returned to Ohio. O how few young men when they talk about this work & their consecration to it realize anything of its importance & solemnity. May God, whose the Mission is prepare himself

the heart of some one soon to engage in this noble & needy work!

In view of the oppressive labors of bro. Heigerd now at the Mission, & of the peril of the Mission in case he were suddenly to be called away I was very anxious to have some one go to his relief, & a(l)though I did not urge bro. Klein to go yet I was willing that he should go before passing through his entire course. But I now see clearly that his appointment would have been a mistake & I thank God that he so soon showed his unfitness for the undertaking & therefore did not actually go forth to the field. But I still feel great anxiety about our Muhlenberg Station & am greatly desirous that some suitable person should go out very soon. Still I must leave all in the hands of God.

This disappointment by bro. Klein, together with a great number of smaller disappointments delays & hinderances in my agency, has almost turned me away from the work. For two months past I have been constantly baffled about finding churches in which I could do something for our Missions. It has taken most of the time during the week to find some place where I could operate in behalf of Missions on Sunday. I have written letters constantly but all in vain. My God what does it mean? Am I not engaged as thou wouldst have me? If not I only pray that I may know thy holy will. I desire to do thy will Oh God. Anew, then, this day, with a sad heart for my great failures & defects I consecrate to thee Oh, God my unworthy life. O wilt thou receive me & use me as thou seest best! If I am not now in the way of duty then make this plain & also teach me what I ought to do! But I must now hastily prepare to preach here Perryville Pa as I have come down from Mifflin where I spent Sunday, to preach a few times for bro. Smith. O I do desire to serve God better!

Feb. 10th

Still at Perryville--preached last night not with much freedom--Am suffering from sore throat. Sent off letters to Dr. Hall, Messrs. Yates & Porterfield, Mr. Readel, Dr. Krauth & Mr. Buehler. Am much concerned about our African Mission. Oh that God would direct me in all that I attempt to do in its behalf!

Feb. 11th, Perryville

Preached again last night 12 or 14 persons presented themselves for instruction & prayer. I preached with great difficulty owing to the state of my throat. Have thought of going home to rest till I am relieved. Wrote to bro. Heigerd & bro. Goettman--to the latter about joining our Mission in Africa. Am trying to be more prayerful & devout than for a long time I have been. O my God help me that I may henceforth be more exemplary & faithful than ever heretofore!

Lancaster, Pa. Feb. 14th '63

Having a sore throat I left Perryville two days ago & came home. Yesterday received a letter from Dr. Pohlman stating that the Ex. Com. would not make any appropriation to the African Mission out of the general funds. This is entirely contrary to the understanding with which I entered upon the agency. I have told all the churches, synods, conferences synods &c that I have visited that the Committee would make appropriations & now it seems that the Com. will not do so. I know this was the expressed condition on which I agreed to take the agency, & I believe firmly that the Committee understood it in the same way I did. I therefore cannot but again doubt that they really intend to prosecute the work.

Lancaster 15th 1863

Sunday—detained at home today for the first time since moving east, by the sickness of my wife. Have had a sad day indeed in consequence of the disappointments of our Mission & of Dr. Pohlman's letter.

Monday 16th

Still at home—Mrs. Officer a little better. No light on my pathway yet. But think seriously of quitting the agency, & perhaps Superintendency also.

Lancaster P. Feb. 27th/63

Returned home last night & found my wife very unwell, having suffered severely during my absence. During my recent visit to Albany for the purpose of speaking with Dr. Pohlman, chairman of the Committee, in regard to the distribution of the Mission funds, I have left more reconciled to the agency, as the Dr. has declared his willingness that some appropriation—at least enough to cover the African Missions half of the expenses of the agency—shall be made to that Mission. I will therefore go on with the agency till the Committee meet again & act upon this matter.

Sunday March 1st Lancaster Pa.

Am detained at home by the illness of my wife, but will preach on the subject of Missions in Trinity Church here tonight. Am much perplexed because I am able to do so little for the cause of Missions. May the All Wise One direct me aright that I may efficiently serve him!

Monday March 2nd Middletown Pa.

Came over here this evening to attend meeting of Lebanon Conference—heard bro. Willard preach an excellent discourse this evening. Lodge with Dr. Brown.

Tues. March 3rd Perryville Pa.

Came up here today after making some arrangements at Middletown & have also here arranged to spend three Sunday in this month in charges in bounds of the Juniata Conference, which body is now in session here. Am now in hope that I can operate more effectually than I have done for the past two months.

Wed. 4th

Came home this evening—my wife still very unwell—but a little more comfortable than when I left.

Thurs.

Wrote to bro. Senderling my quarterly report for quarter ending Feb. 28th—Copied it & wrote also to Yates & Porterfield New-York.

Frid. 6th March, 1863.

Middletown Pa. This afternoon came over here to preach a few times for bro. Ehrehart & on Sunday to make an effort for Missions. Just before leaving home received a letter from bro. Goettman whom I had expected to go to Muhlenberg Mission, informing me that he cannot go. Preached tonight—but not with much power, or freedom.

Sat. 7th March—Middletown Pa.

Wrote to bro. Goetman—A.M. Geiger & A. W. Lentz the last of whom on the subject of his going to Africa. I have resolved to pray daily to God that he will incline the mind of some proper person to enter upon the Mission work at our Muhlenberg Station. Oh thou God of Missions

raise up help for our needy Mission! Preached again tonight but feel that the people are not much moved by the word.

Sund. 8

Still at Middletown—Preached this morning to a small number of people in the lecture room while bro. Ehrehart preached in the Church in German. The roads very bad. Le(c)tured this afternoon to the Sunday School & Preached tonight—No apparent effect on the people. Night very stormy & roads muddy. Lodged part of the time with Dr. Brown.

Monday 9th to Sat. 14 at home.

My wife very unwell—am very sad—have been all week.

Sat. 14th

Came this morning to Newport to operate for Miss. in bro. Fochts Charge—Lodged with bro. Chris. Long.

Sund. 15th

Could not speak here (Newport) today on account of two funerals here.—Afternoon came to St. John's Church—Preached took small collection—walked 4 ms. to Bloomfield through a terrible snow storm—preached at night to a small audience—evening exceedingly stormy.

Monday 16th

Evening rode 5 ms. in sleigh to Greenbach School House & spoke to a small audience & took a collection & came back to Bloomfield.

Tues. 17th

Walked 6 ms to Mansville & preached in a School House & took a small subscription—Lodged with Mr. Fisher—Roads very muddy.

Wed. 18th

Went with a funeral from Mansville to Shuma's Ch. 4 ms. & there preached a short funeral discourse in the afternoon—At night preached on Missions to only a few people & got a small subscription—not $4. Lodged with Henry Long. People very kind but not many in these small churches that are in good circumstances.

Thurs. 19

Came over to Bloomfield with bro. Long—Received two letters—one from my wife—She is better, thank the Lord! One from bro. Lentz of Selinsgrove—in which he declines going to Africa. How little of the Mission Spirit is manifested by our young men! Am to lecture here tonight.

Friday 20th

Small audience last night—& a small contribution—I find as little Mission feeling here as in any charge that I have visited. The people evidently have heard but little on the subject.

This afternoon came over part way on foot & the rest by stage to Green Park on my way to Loysville. Lodged with bro. Solomon Bernheisel, an excellent man.

Sat. 21st

Walked in, two miles, to Loysville & stopped with Rev. P. Sahm. A Good Man. Afternoon went to see bro. Kistler whom I have for some time been thinking of for our African Mission. Spoke to him & his wife on the subject, but cannot tell what may be the result, as they have not hitherto thought much on the subject of their consecration to the Mission work.

They appear willing to consider the matter fairly & act as their convictions may lead them—May the Lord direct them!

Sunday March 22nd

Preached at Loysville in the morning—to a tolerably large audience considering the state of the roads. Afternoon went to Germany Church & preached to a small audience—mostly I should think of people in moderate circumstances—Sub. tolerably good. Evening rode two miles to to Mr. Shafers—a public house kept by a member of our Church, & thence 2 miles to the Mt. Zion Church—Audience small mostly young persons—the roads being very deep & the night dark—Sub. small—Lodged with bro. Shafer.

Mond. 23rd

On account of bad roads recalled my appointments at Blain & came home—arriving at 7½ oclock in the evening. Found little ones well & Mrs. O. better.

Tues. 24th to Sat. 27

At Home. Wrote three articles on Foreign Miss. for the Lutheran & Missionary.

Sund. March 29th

Preached at night for Rev. Conrad.

Monday 30th & Tues. 31st

Moving to another part of the City.

April 1863

Wed. 1st

Wrote to Rev. Senderling, Rev. Heck (dec'd), & James Walker. Received letters from Revs. Severinghouse & Kistler the latter of whom I have hope will go to Africa. Afternoon—"Fixing up" about the house.

Thurs. 2nd

Wrote to bro. Thomas & sent him a draft for $200 to pay a debt due my mother—Still "fixing up" after our removal. Am weary from over exertion.

Frid. April 3rd

At home still busy arranging things in our new home—All well thank God—Wrote to bro. Kistler in reply to his proposition to go to Africa.

Sat. April 4th

Came over to Reading via Philadelphia—Cold blustering day.

Sund.

Forenoon aided bro. Valentine to administer the Communion—Afternoon addressed the Sunday School in bro. V's church & at night preached on the subject of Foreign Missions. The evening being the one of the regular monthly Missionary meeting a collection was taken.

Mond. 6th

Wrote to Dr. Pohlman & Rev. Schock & then came down to Philadelphia. Paid over some money to Martin Buehler Treasurer. Wrote home.

Tues. 7th
Went to Norristown.

Wed. 8
Lectured at night at Norristown.

Thurs. 9th
Came to Philadelphia—Received letters from home, Rev. Sahm & Rev. J. Z. Senderling—Wrote to the last named—& came home in the evening.

Frid. 10th
Wrote to Dr. Hall & Rev. F. J. Peck, Baltimore. Writing in the afternoon.

Sat. April 11th
Came to Reading.

Sund. 12
Morning preached in Trinity Ch—afternoon at 1 Oclock lectured to the Sunday School of Trinity. 2½ Preached at Christ's Church in the country & at night again in Trinity.

Monday 13
Came home. Found my wife again sick in bed—am much disheartened at her long continued illness—May the Lord give me patience in this affliction.

Tues. 14th
At home—

Wed. 15
At home—wrote another articles for the Lutheran & Missionary on the results of Foreign Missions.

Thurs. 16th
At home—wrote to mother—bro. Thomas, Rev. Kistler, Christian Long & Rev. Kinsel—Wrote another article on Missions for the Lutheran & Missionary. In the evening received long letters—12 pages from bro. Heigerd in Africa & also one from Miss Hannah Moore who was formerly in connection with the Mendi Mission & is now on a visit at Muhlenberg. Also a letter from my old friend Dr. McGill at Monrovia Liberia, in reply to one sent out last fall, & lastly a cheering short note from Mrs. Heigerd. The health of our missionaries is good, & their work is prosperous in a high degree. Only one want—viz. another faithful laborer. I here record my great gratitude to the God of Missions for his care exercised over our infant Mission in Africa. May goodness & protection ever continue!

Friday 17th
At home, wrote another article on Missions for publication in the Lutheran & Missionary.

Sat. 18th
Wrote to Mr. D. D. Donner & to Rev. J. Kistler. I go to Reading this forenoon—Lodged with Rev. Valentine.

Sund. 19th
Lectured in the morning to the Sund. School of St. James Ch.

& preached same place. Afternoon—Rode to the St. John's Church 5 ms. & preached at 2½—Stopped short time with John Brown Esq.—Then rode 6 ms. to Geigertown & preached in St. Jame's Church at night. Lodged with bro. Zer.

Monday 20th

Rose at 3½ Oclock—&was taken by Mr. Geiger to the R.R. station 6 ms for the early train to Phia.

Tues. 21st

At home—Wrote out some extracts from bro. Heigerd's letters for publication in the Observer & the Lutheran.

Wed. 22nd

Came up to Newport Pa. to meet bro. Kistler & confer with him about his going to Africa & if it was finally decided that he go, to make some arrangements for his ordination & embarkation.—Met him at this place—found him willing—even anxious, to go & was informed that his wife would desire to go along, but on account of her peculiar situation I requested him to leave her to go out on the next ship. Arrangements had been made by Rev. D. Focht Pres. of the Synod of Central Pa. for bro. Kistler's ordination on the evening of Tues. April 28th. Lectured at Newport on Wed. night 22nd.

Thurs. 23rd

Went down today to Duncannon where Mrs. Kistler resides at present with her mother, to suggest to her the propriety of her remaining in the United States till fall. Succeeded in convincing her that it would be best for her to remain. The arrangements were therefore made for brother Kistler to go on the M. C. Stevens about the middle of May & Mrs. Kistler in the fall. Returned here—Newport & lectured at night. Wrote to Revs. Senderling & Conrad &c.

Frid. 24th

At Newport—wrote instructions to bro. Kistler & began replies & instructions to bro. Heigerd. Preached at night. Wrote home.

Sat. 25

Wrote to Miss H. Moore of Liberia—Preached in the forenoon at Newport—a preparatory sermon—& came down to Duncannon & thence to David's Ch. 4 ms. in the country & lodged with Mr. Zeigler.

Sund. 26th

Preached in the forenoon at David's Church—Afternoon rode to Duncannon & preached at 2½ Oclock. Also lectured at night. Lodged with Mrs. Keiser.

Mond. 27th

Came up to Newport—at night heard bro. Kinsel preach a good discourse—Am not well having taken cold.

Tues. 28th

Copied some of the instructions of bros. Heigerd & Kinsel. Afternoon met the brethren who came to ordain bro. Kistler & made arrangement for the ordination & missionary meeting to be held at night—There were present—Revs. Sahm, Zeigler, Focht, Fletcher, Smith, Kinsel, & Diven. At night sermon preached by Dr. Zeigler—Ordination by Rev. Focht—& I made some statements concerning the Mission & delivered some brief & general instructions to the Missionaries, Mr. Kistler & his wife.

The meeting was a very pleasant one & profitable one I hope to the people of the place.

Wed. 29th

Wrote to James Walker, came home in the afternoon & lectured for bro. Conrad in the evening—Am not well.

Thurs. 30th

This the national fast day appointed by Pres. Lincoln.

~~Knickerbocker~~ May 1863

Frid. 1st

At home—not well.

Sat. 2nd

Came to Lower Merion, Rev. J. Heck's Charge—Quite unwell from severe cold.

Sund. 3rd

Preached in the forenoon & aided administering the Sacraments. Afternoon lectured to the Sunday School & evening lectured to the congregation. Still uncomfortable & spoke today with little interest.

Monday 4th

Went in to Philadelphia in the morning. Came home in the afternoon & came over to York in the evening to attend Conference.

Tues. 5th

Wrote to Rev. Senderling—Spoke on the subject of Missions before the York Conference. Lodged with bro. Kraber.

Wednesday 6th

Rose at 4 Oclock & took the early train for Columbia & thence home. Found bro. Kistler here—he having come on the early express.

Lectured before the Junior Missionary Society of Trinity Church of this place. Bro. Kistler who is on his way to Baltimore was present & spoke briefly in a very appropriate manner. The night was very rainy & chilling, but the attendance was good & the meeting interesting. Bro. K. is with us tonight.

Thurs. 7th

This morning bro. Kistler left for Philadelphia Pa. to go thence to Baltimore on Monday next. I am still more favorably impressed with this bro. Wrote to Revs. Krotel & Laird, Mr. Klein, Miss Cath. L. Strobel, Liberia.

This evening the most disheartening reports have come from the army of the Potomac under Gen. Hooker. It has been compelled to recross the Rappahannock & there is reason to believe that it has met with great disaster. I have been utterly unfit for anything all the evening. Hardly know whether to go forward in the preparations for bro. Kistler's sailing. It seems indeed as if our government were to be destroyed. May the God of Nations save us from utter desolation.

Frid. 8th

Wrote to James Walker—Came to Baltimore—Lodged at the Franklin House.

Sat. 9th

At Baltimore—Sailing of the ship postponed one week. Consequently made no purchases yet

Sund. 10th

Lectured morning at S.S. at Lombard St. Attended services at Monument St. Church & at the close made some statements concerning our Missions with a view to the taking of a collection for Missions in a few weeks. Afternoon lectured to the S.S. at Monument St. Preached at 4½ at Lombard St. Church—& spoke on the subject of missions in the evening at Uniteam (?) St. Ch. Lod(g)ed with Dr. Morris. Prof. Staever is also here.

Monday 11th

Bro. Kistler came down from Philadelphia today. We visited forts on Federal Hill & Ft. McHenry. At the latter place saw about four hundred rebel prisoners. Talked with a few of them—Most of them were very determined in their opposition to the General Government. Returned this evening sad in consequence of what I had seen.

Tues. 12th

Made most of the purchases needed by bro. Kistler & by the Mission—am tired. Lodge again at the Franklin House.

Wed. 13th

Finished making purchases & in the evening came up to Lutherville. Lectured at night in the chapel here. Lodged with Prof. Heilig.

Thurs. 14th

Writing—a letter to McGill & others—arranging accounts &c.

Frid. 15

This morning came down to Baltimore—Settled some accounts & afternoon went out to Dr. Hall's & lodged there. A Pleasant visit.

Sat. 16

Went over this morning to Washington City to see whether I could do anything for Missions in Rev. Butler's Church, but found no opportunity, he having taken the yearly contribution to For. Miss. Afternoon came over to Frederick City—reached here late in the evening & got permission from Dr. Deihl to present the subject tomorrow in his church.

Sund. 17th

Preached in the morning to a large audience got a good collection—Lectured during the afternoon to two Sunday Schools—& in the evening preached again to a large audience.

Mond. 18th

Came in this morning to Baltimore. Met bro. Kistler & completed arrangements for his sailing. Wrote to Jas. Walker, Ohio. Visited some contributors to our Mission—Settled a few small bills. Took tea with Dr. Stork—a pleasant evening—Wrote till 12 Oclock completing letters to various persons in Liberia. Lodged with Dr. Morris.

Tues. 19th

Rose very early—Wrote some letters to Mission children & others & prepared to return home. At 9¼ Oclock bade bro. Kistler fare-

well & took the cars for home. Came to Columbia Pa. by 1 Oclock but here must wait till 5½ this evening--Have just been writing & arranging for my settlement with the Committee in a few days. Am somewhat sad--only a little reaction after the excitement of the last few days, perhaps--but perhaps also caused in part by my anxiety about bro. Kistler. May the God of Missions preserve his health & prosper his undertaking! I feel at times very much the responsibility of my position. Oh that I were more in the spirit of my work! I now here record my devout gratitude to All Mighty God for the favor he has shown our infant Mission in Liberia. He has heard our prayers & had afforded us help. Came home about 6½--All well.

Wed. 20th

At home wrote an article for the Lutheran--Also some letters.

Thurs. 21st

Wrote some letters in the morning & in the afternoon came to Mifflintown to synod.

Frid. 22nd

At Mifflintown at synod--A full attendance & a pleasant meeting thus far.

Sat. 23rd

Still at Mifflintown--will remain over Sunday.

Sund. 24th

Morning lectured to the Sunday School--Afternoon preached in the Lutheran Church & in the Evening preached in the Presbyterian Church.

Monday 25th

Time of the synod today mostly taken up in investigating some charges preferred against Rev. Guss by Mr. Bousler--An unpleasant affair.

Tues. 26th

Lancaster--last night at synod it became evident that we could get no time for the discussion of Mission matters & I therefore took the midnight train & came home. On reaching home found our youngest child quite unwell. Feel dull & gloomy this morning--weary of being so much from home. But must leave again early tomorrow morning for New-York where our Mission Committee are to meet tomorrow.

Wed. 27th

Rose at 3 Oclock & took cars for New-York to attend a meeting of the Ex. Com. Reached this place at noon--Afternoon attended meeting of Com. & attended to the business of the African Mission. My reports & instruction to Revs. Kistler & Heigerd were all approved--Was authorized to receive the Legacy of Mr. Altimus--The following resolution authorizing me hereafter to order payment of drafts by ~~xxxx~~ our African Missionaries--"Res. That any drafts on our Treasury issued by our Missionaries in Africa be paid on their approval by Rev. M. Officer Superintendent." Lodged with bro. Ackershausen.

Thurs. 28

Attended a meeting of Com. this morning & having attended to the business the Com. adjourned.

The Committee Res. to pay all the expenses of my Agency out of the Common fund so I continue the agency.

Sund. 31st

Morning addressed the Sunday School of Rev. Sheeleigh's Church

Phia. Pa. & preached in the church in the forenoon--Afternoon spoke to the S.S. of St. John's Church & preached at the same place in the evening--a good attendance--have today walked about 12 miles, besides speaking four times--am tired.

Monday June 1

Came up to Reading to attend meeting of the Pa. Synod.--At Synod all day.

Tues. June 2

Attending to Missionary business during the afternoon--Spoke at the Missionary Anniversary of the Synod at night.

Wed. 3rd

Came home.

Thurs. 4th

Came from home to Pittsburgh--riding during the night--

Frid. June 5th

Early this morning left Pittsburg for Freeport to attend a meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod. Preached at night.

Sat. 6th

Still at Freeport--Evening spoke briefly at Missionary Meeting.

Sund 7th

Heard Rev. Passavant preach in the morning. Addressed the S.S. & in the afternoon rode five miles into the country to St. Matthews Church & preached. At night attended services at Freeport.

Mond. 8th

Left Freeport on the early train for Pittsburgh & in the afternoon went up to Homer Station Indiana Co. & thence rode across the country to Brush Valley with Rev. Settlemoyer on my way to see Mr. Altemus administrator of his father who left a legacy to the Af. Miss. of $1000.

Tues. 9th

Visited Mr. Altemus at his home & returned to Homer by the evening train--Hope to get the $1000. but at the same time fear it may fail on account the demise having been made too short a time before the dec(e)ase. Reached Pittsburgh at 1 Oclock at night & went immediately on westward reaching Bellefontaine O. on.

Wed. 10th

In the forenoon attended to some business here--namely the case of Mr. Harrauff who has long had some of the Af. Miss. funds, on loan, whom I was obliged a few months ago to sue in order to make the money safe as we had no mortgage. Having ordered levy to be made on some property I find that it has been done & that the property is valuable & available. Lodged with my dear bro. Goodlin.

Thurs. 11th

Came to Springfield by the early train. Expected to settle up a claim of the Mission against the property of Mr. Ruhl--now in the hands of S. Bowman Esq. Assignee--could not effect final settlement but received on the claim $50. The balance now due is small--not more that (than) about $50. interest & all.

Frid. 12th

Came to Cincinnati to attend a meeting of the Miami Synod.

Sat. 13

Unwell--went out with my brother-in-law James Smith to to Clifton.

Sund. 14th

Addressed the Sunday School in the morning--Attended services forenoon & afternoon--& made a brief address at night.

Mond. 15th

At Cincinnati Synod adjourned about 11 Oclock at night--lodged with Mr. Rodefer.

Tues. 16th

Came up to Dayton in the afternoon. Lodged with Rev. Stock. News from the East very exciting & alarming--viz. that the Rebel troops are in the Cumberland Valley advancing on Harrisburgh--Various & numerous vague rumors are afloat. Hardly know whether to remain a week or two more here as I intended or to go directly home.

Wed. 17th

At Dayton--Evening spoke on Missions in the Lutheran Church.

Thurs. 18th

Came to Springfield--Evening spoke briefly at a large Sunday School meeting in the Lutheran Church.

Frid. 19th

Came to Utica O. to visit my brother Thomas.

Sat. 20th

Came down to bro. P. N. Obannen's.

Sund. 21st

Rode with with bro. OBannon to St. Louisville & lectured to the Sunday School--~~Rem~~ Preached on Missions at 11 Oclock--took subscription--Afternoon rode to Utica & lectured there at night & then rode with bro. OBannon to Newark 12 ms where I lodged at a hotel till morning.

Mond. 22nd

Took the cars early for Pittsburgh--Many rumors of the invasion of Pennsylvania--Some that Chambersburg, Carlisle &c are in the possession of the Rebels. Much excitement all along the road. People drilling in the rain at Pittsburgh--business suspended--10,000 men working on the entrenchments about the city--no regular troops here.

Tues. 23rd

Took the early train & came home--found all pretty well. Thanks to God for the great b(l)essing of health. Several letters awaiting my arrival--among them one from bro. Heigerd stating that he is unwell & that he fears his health is declining. He seems to be in much depression of spirits. I deeply sympathize with him. May Our Merciful & Heavenly Father keep him!

Wed. 24th

Arranging accounts--wrote to Rev. S. Tenner & Mrs. Kistler.

Thurs. 25th

Wrote some extracts of bro. Heigerd's last letters for the church papers.

Frid. 26th

At home—a rainy day—great excitementx about the reports that the rebel forces are advancing on Harrisburgh from Carlisle—Sent money $393.13 to M. Buehler for Missions.

Sat. 27th

Left Lancaster for Lebanon at 11 Oclock A.M. At Harrisburg, heard that Hanover Junction was captured by the Rebels.—This evening—at Lebanon—heard of the surrender of York. People here much alarmed & confused, but making no move toward defence. I am astonished at the apathy & I must say cowardice of the people—of Penn. Most of the merchants here are now sending their goods off to Philadelphia & New-York, & many of the people are about to leave.

Sund. 28th

Spoke in the morning to the Sunday School & preached at 10 A.M. in the Second Lutheran Church—but on account of the excitement took no collection. Evening—having met bro. Gelwicks—lately driven from Mechanicsburg—& asked him to preach which he did.

Mond. 29th

Came home via Philadelphia Pa. as the cars have ceased running between Harrisburg & Lancaster. Many people fleeing to Philadelphia. Citizens here much depressed.

Tues. 30th June

At home—the state of the country being such that I can do nothing for the Mission cause.

Wed. July 1st 1863

Still at Lancaster—Rebels still about Harrisburg—& Carlisle. The Army of the Potomac reported advancing Northward & near Gettysburg—Some fighting there.

Thurs. July 2nd

A battle reported at Gettysburg—Gen. Reynold reported killed. The Rebels falling back somewhat. A battle at Carlisle—last night—Rebels retire—their pickets yet in sight.

Frid. 3rd

No reliable news this morning—This silence rather ominous—Room for fear that the Union forces are not successful—

Have been doing some writing during the last few days—Mailed letters to Revs. Heigerd & Kistler at Muhlenberg Mission in Africa.

Frid. 3rd

Reports from the army more favorable—Terrible conflict near Gettysburg Pa. the conflict not yet decisive. Losses very heavy.

Sat. 4

No business done here today—not much demonstration in the way of celebrating the Fourth. Gen. Reynold who was killed in battle near Gettysburg two days ago was buried here today—The funeral was without any military display. A few members of his staff accompanied the corpse—the concourse of people at the depot was very great.

This afternoon we received Major Gen. Meade's official report of yesterdays battle at Gettysburg. It is encouraging--the repeated attacks of the enemy were sever(e)ly repulsed & our forces captured 3,000 prisoners.

The President issued this afternoon a congratulatory order cal(l)ing on the people to render thanks unto God who has given us the victory. National affairs now begin to look a little brighter.

Sund 5th

At home today as I can do nothing in my agency. Heard bro. Conrad preach this morning & bro. Wedakind this evening.

Have promised to go tomorrow along with a number of other gentlemen to the battle-field at Gettysburg to take hospital stores from the people here--we go at the instance of the Association of Patriot Daughters--We expect to be absent a week or more.

Lancaster July 21st, 1863

This evening I returned home from the late battle fields about Gettysburg & Hagerstown in the hospitals of which I have spent the last two weeks. The scenes there were so appalling & distressful as almost to paralize ones powers at his first entrance, into them--The whole acres--many acres of ground closely covered over with wounded dying & dead men, many of whom yet lay weltering in their blood on the spot at which they had first been laid from the stretchers & ambulances when they were borne off of the field of conflict. At the edge of this ground the surgeons were busy at their bloody work & heaps of amputated legs & arms lay near their tent, while the poor bleeding victims of the missiles of war were borne to & from the place of amputation, with suppressed but pitiful groans. Many lay in the stupor of death--while others rent the air with bitter cries wrested from them by their agonizing pains, & not a few asked a little Christian counsel & our intercession with heaven in their behalf before their departure to the judgment seat. I found a larger number calmly trusting in Jesus & patiently awaiting their exit from earth that I had expected, & for this I thank God.

On account of the horrors of the same I could have wished not to be there but as the suffering was there I rejoiced in the privilege to administer a little comfort to the brave men who have thrown themselves between an advancing vindictive merciless foe & our peaceful northern towns & cities, & have not only defeated their designs but have turned them hastily backward on their retreat to the South. Nay I was even glad to administer to our enemies, who were prostrated, helpless & in want. But I have seen enough of war. Mere curiosity would not induce me to go to the battle field.

This is my birthday--Today I am forty years old. I rejoice in the great mercy of God by which I have been spared for so many years; but I lament that the folly & carelessness & sin of my mine by which so much of this period has been worse than wasted. May God still be merciful & may he grant me the grace I need to do his will!

Sunday July 26th

At Barren Hill near Philadelphia--Presented the Mission cause in the morning & lectured at night on Western Africa--also addressed the S.S. in the morning--Bro. Keedy & wife very kind.

Monday Aug. 3rd Lancaster Pa.

Have just returned from Philadelphia where I spent Sunday & preached for Dr. Seiss--

For a few days last week was permitted to remain at home &

read & study a little. This afternoon on reaching home I found letters from Bro. Heigerd & wife in Africa—& am sorry to learn that his health is failing, while Mrs. Heigerd though better than a few months ago, is not well. I fear that bro. Heigerd will have to come home in order to recruit health.

Aug. 4th

Wrote out some extracts from Mr. & Mrs. Heigerd's letters for the Church Papers—Lectured at Lancaster—

Aug. 5th Wed.

Having been appointed to preach on Missions at the approaching meeting of the Wittenberg Synod to which I still belong I have just to-day finished the preparation of my discourse—

Thurs. 6th

Left home this morning at 1 Oclock for Indiana Co. Pa. where I am to preach on the subject of Missions & where I expect to see Mr. Altemus son, & administrator of the Mr. Altemus who some time ago left by demise $1000 to the African Mission—there is a legal barrier to our getting the money but I hope to get all the heirs to waive their claims & grant us the bequest.

Frid. 7th

At Blairsville forenoon & met bro. Settlemoyer at Homer at noon & went to Mr. Altemus—found him very agreeable—Also saw a number of the rest of the heirs—hope to procure the bequest—

Sund. Aug. 9th

Morning addressed S.S. at Brush Valley Church—Reached same place forenoon & afternoon at a church about 8 miles distant. Lodged with Mr. Mikesell—

Mond. 10th

Rose early & rode 3 miles to Bolivar Station & took cars to Greensburg to see Rev. Uery. Cannot operate in his charge next Sunday—as another appointment is made. Evening took cars for Gettysburg on my way to Maryland Synod at Taneytown Md.

Tues. 11th

Met many brethren at Hanover Station on their way to Gettysburg to attend meetings of the College & Seminary Boards of Directors. Evening visited part of the late battle field & General Hospital.

Wed. 12th

Spent whole day or most of it on the battle field & what I saw was only what I expected from my experience & observation in the Field Hospitals some weeks ago.

Thurs. 13th

Walked from Gettysburg to Taneytown 13 miles—taking dinner on the way with bro. McKinney a very kind man. This little town—Taneytown is named after the Taney family to which the Chief Justice belongs. It is a small place a little behind the age as the Justice himself has been for years past & like him it is likely to lose its relative importance in future years.

Frid. 14th

At Taney town.

Sat. 15th

Came with Rev. Holaway to Westminster to aid him at Communion & also make some effort on Sunday for Missions. Preached at 9½ at Cryder's Church a preparatory sermon & at Leister's Church also a preparatory discourse. Lodge tonight with bro. Raef ~~Sy~~ Snyder.

Sund. 16th

Preached in the Benjamin's Church in the morning—aided in administering the Communion & took a Collection for Missions. Afternoon—Preached at St. John's Church—again aided in administration of Lord's Supper & took a Collection—Even returned with the pastor Rev. Holloway to synod—here—Taneytown—where at night I spoke briefly to the synod & congregation. But being called on very unexpectedly spoke with little satisfaction.

Mond. 17th

Attended the Synod. Afternoon Mission business being up made some statements & asked synod to cooperate with us in the Mission work. Whereupon a discussion ensued in regard to the particular plan to be adopted on with to raise Miss. funds. I took part—showed some objections to the plan & perhaps said too much—was severely censured by the President & others for defeating the measure. Retire tonight with a sad heart—

Tues. Aug. 18th

This morning I leave for Gettysburg & thence home—The Synod has adjourned & all are about leaving—none sadder than myself—May God help me to see whether I should longer continue in the Agency—I am weary—The people here are very kind—I lodged with Mr. Carron a very hospitable & worthy family—May God bless them.

Wed. 19th

Reached home this morning at about 4 Oclock, weary of the journey & more weary of myself. It seems to me that I am in need of every thing & possess nothing. I long to be in a more retired position & in some employment that will allow of my remaining at home.

Thurs. 20th

At Home.

Frid. 21

This morning at 1 Oclock took the cars for Pittsburgh & thence to Ohio to visit some churches & attend the meeting of the Wittenberg Synod to which I yet belong. Had a long conversation with bro. Neuman about the Chinese Mission & Miss. in general. What a simple minded Christian he is. How devoted to the cause.

Sat. 22

This morning at 1 Oclock took the cars for Wooster O. Stopped with bro. Baltzly.

Sund. 23

Preached in Wooster in the morning—at St. John's Church in the country afternoon & at East Union in the evening.

Mond. 24th

Came down to Holmesville to see my mother & sisters—All well—But there are so many southern sympathizers in this county that it is very undesirable to live in place. Indeed neither the lives nor property

of outspoken union men are safe.

Tues. 25th

Returned to Wooster in the evening.

Wed. 26th

Came over to Mansfield where there is living a man who is about to bequeath several hundred dollars to the African Mission--have seen the lawyer who is to write the will & have given him the necessary instruction as to the name &c. of the Mission. Hope all will be well. The testator's name is--Cocher.

Thurs. 27th

Came over here Upper Sandusky--this morning to attend the meeting of Wittenberg Synod. Met a number of the brethren on the train--All very friendly--May the Lord grant us a profitable meeting!

Frid. 28th

Attending synod. Wrote to bro. Heigerd to be sent by the "Greyhound" of New-York.

Sat. 29th

Still at Synod. Wrote to Mrs. Heigerd & to Rev. J. Kistler to be sent by the "Greyhound" of New-York. Wrote to Dr. Hall of Balt. --Wrote to Mrs. Gunn.

Sund. 30

Attended services in the forenoon--Lectured to S.S. afternoon --Preached before the synod on the subject of Missions at night.

Mond. 31st

At Synod--After noon addressed the Ladie's Soldier's Aid Society here in behalf of our Soldiers--had a good time--was much feeling--Many wept. Synod closed very harmoniously about 10 oclock tonight or later.

Tues. September 1st 1863

Wrote a letter for the Lutheran & Missionary--This evening take the cars for Pittsburgh.

Wed. Sept. 2nd

At Pittsburgh.

Thurs. 3rd

Rose before 4 Oclock to take the early eastward train--Reached A(l)toona at 10 oclock & Hollidaysburg at 11--Afternoon came by stage to this place--Williamsburgh--where the Allegheny Synod is in session--Found two letters from my wife & one from Mrs. Kistler--My family not well--Mrs. Kistler & child both unwell & she concludes that she will not be able to go to Africa this fall--Am sad indeed to-night--God help me to be faithful--& to remain unshaken in my confidence in him who has all power!

Frid. 4th

Rose early & wrote to my dear wife--I long to return home & share with her her trials. Attended synod today.

Sat. 5th

Attending synod--Got an opportunity this afternoon to present

the cause of Missions briefly to the synod, but did not feel like occupying much time as there was a manifest desire on the part of some of the synod to stave the subject off. I have not felt that these brethren welcome me as the agent of Missions. Many of them seem to think that the presentation of the subject is an intrusion on the business of the synod.

Sund. 6th

Heard Dr. Baugher preach forenoon—afternoon preached on Missions five miles distant up New Valley.

Mond. 7th

Attended to a little more Mission business with Synod. Came tonight 2 miles out into the country to Dr. Wolf's to take stage early tomorrow for Petersburg on the R.R. Lodged with Mr. George Hewit during synod—a very kind man. May the Lord bless that family.

Met at synod bro. Rice whom I have known for nearly a year & of whom I have been thinking as a missionary. Spoke to him on the subject & found him very favorably inclined. Perhaps even anxious to go to Africa.

Tues. 8th

Rose before day light & took stage to Petersburg. Stopped two hours at Duncannon to see Mrs. Kistler. Found her improving in health but still undecided as to her going to Africa this fall. Reached home at sunset—Found Mrs. Smith & sister here the former being still very sick.

Wed. 9th

Wrote acknowledgments of contributions received & sent them with the money to the Treasurer. Wrote to Revs. Holloway & Albert & also to the Corresponding Secretary.

Thurs. 10th

Left home this forenoon for this place Newville Pa. to attend the meeting of the West Pennsylvania Synod—Heard the Pres. of Synod Rev. Bridenbaugh preach the opening sermon. I lodge in company with Dr. Lochman, at Mr. McKinney's a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Frid. 11th

At Synod—a pretty full attendance—business of synod progresses harmoniously, except one case—Rev. Berg's—who has been unruly in regard to Conference Meetings—I think too he is a little tainted with disloyalty & this accounts for his neglect to cooperate with the rest of the brethren—Wrote to Rev. Rice.

Sat. 12th

Presented Mission business briefly to synod this afternoon—& spoke before the synod & congregation tonight—No special interest but the synod will cooperate as heretofore & I hope even more heartily.

Sund. 13th

Forenoon heard Dr. Kurtz preach—an unhappy discourse under the circumstances—too much of controversy for a Communion occasion. Afternoon preached at St. Peter's Church in behalf of Missions & took a collection—

Mond. 14th

Came home this evening.

Tues. 15th

At Home.

Wed. 16th

At home--received a letter from bro. Kistler, but as it was written at the Cape Verde Islands it is of former date to the one received some time past. Wrote to Revs. Nueman & Fink.

Thurs. 17

Accompanied Mrs. Smith Mrs. Officer's brother's sister, who has been here sick for 5 weeks to Philadelphia. Came home in the evening accompanied by another sister-in-law & her son from Cincinnati--they make us a very short visit indeed as they go on home tomorrow.

Frid. 18th

At home all day. Very rainy dreary weather.

Sat. 19th

Went to Germantown.

Sund. 20th

Preached this morning on Missions in Trinity Church Rev. L. E. Albert pastor. Also addressed the S.S. School & in the afternoon visited & addressed a Mission S.S. a little distance in the country. Preached at night in Trinity Church but not with much freedom as am suffering from cold.

Mond. 21

Came home--having attended the Lutheran Pastors Association in Philadelphia on my way. Found our little Lizzie sick with fever she having been unwell for some days past.

Tues. 22nd

At home--Lizzie no better--Am unfit for study having not rested much last night.

Wed. 23rd

Wrote a short article for the Lutheran Observer on the fact of a youthful Chinese having fallen in the battle at Gettysburgh & connection with the fact that we are about to found a Mission in the land of his nativity. Attended lecture at St. John's Church tonight--very good.

Thurs. 24th

Received a brief letter from bro. Heigerd via England--His health much improved--Mrs. Heigerd also better--Mission as usual--Sends an order for the Mission. Wrote out some brief notices for the papers--of the present state of the Mission. Wrote letters to Rev. Ort & L. A. Gotwald.

Frid. 25th

Reading--having begun the perusal of Morrell's History of Philosophy--Am much interested in it.

Sat. 26th

Came to Harrisburgh to present the subject of Missions in the Lutheran Churches.

Sund. 27th

Morning preached in the English Lutheran Church--Rev. Dr. Hay's--Afternoon preached for the Colony or 2 Eng. Luth. served by Rev. Johston, & now worshipping in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol--& again at night for Dr. Hay's people. Lodged with Mr. Felix, a very kind family indeed. Have been unwell all day--

Mond. 28th

Came home--am too uncomfortable to do anything today.

Tues. 29th

At home--am more comfortable today.

Wed. 30th

Came here--Milton Pa. to attend the meeting of the East Pennsylvania Synod. Now lodge with Mr. Mosteller--Tonight heard the President of Synod Rev. Wedekind preach a very earnest discourse--

Thurs. Oct. 1st 1863

Still at Milton--Spoke briefly to the synod during the afternoon on the business relating to our Missions & at night at the Missionary Anniversary addressed the audience on the obstacles & encouragements in the particular fields in which we as a church are laboring. The meeting was an interesting one & the synod was more earnest in its expressions in favor of Missions than ever before when I have met with it.

Frid. Oct. 2nd

Came home from Milton--in order to go to the convention of the Synod of New Jersey.

Sat. Oct. 3rd

Rose this morning before three oclock & took the early train for Philadelphia--but the train being behind time I did not make the connection for Bellevidere & hence am kept here till three & a half this afternoon. Visited some of the brethren--also the Colonization Office &c. Came this evening to Mr. Becks near Belvidere--where to-night I lodge.

Sund. Oct. 4th

Walked this morning from bro. Beck's to Centreville--was kindly received by bro. Burrell now in charge of St. Paul's church in this place.--Afternoon addressed two Sunday Schools assembled with many others in St. Paul's church--The house densely crowded--but the audience very attentive while I addressed them for more than an hour. Evening heard Rev. Barclay.

Mond. Oct. 5th

Spoke briefly this morning to the Synod on the subject of our Foreign Missions & at the request of the brethren of the synod of New Jersey I spoke at the anniversary of the Home Missionary Society of the Synod tonight.

Tues. Oct. 6th

Went in company with some members of the N.J. Synod to the Delaware Water Gap some 8 or 9 miles north of this place--The scenery is very grand.

Wed. 7th

At bro. Burrell's—will remain over Sunday.

Thurs. 8th

Visited Mr. Deitrick at Williamsburg 3 miles distant.

Frid. 9th

Wrote an article for the Lutheran Observer—Addressed pupils of the Academy.

Sat. 10th

A very rainy day. Reading a little—Have been thinking much during the week of absolutely resigning my agency—am weary of this sort of life—would be glad to remain more at home.

Sund. Oct 11th

Morning preached at Mt. Sinai Church Northampton Co. Pa.—afternoon—Spoke to a Sunday School & large gathering of other people at a School House in the vicinity—Evening preached at Centreville.

Mond. 12th

Rose at 3 oclock & rode to the R.R. at Belvidere & took the cars for Phia. Thence home. All pretty well.

Tues. 13

In the present circumstances of the country I have felt it my duty to come home for the purpose of voting & have now attended to that duty. Evening—At bro. Wedekinds in company with Revs. Conrad, Steck, Mundy, Albert & Wedekind—a pleasant time.

Wed. 14

Rose at 3 Oclock & took cars for Philadelphia & thence for this place New-York—to attend a Committee meeting—arrived here at noon—found the Committee in session. Remained in Session after dinner till night—had a missionary meeting in the Lecture Room of St. James Church tonight & after that held another meeting of the Committee at which the business was closed up for this meeting. I regret that we did not remain together longer.

The Committee concluded not to send bro. Rice to Africa this fall as bro. Heigerd's health has so much improved. I lodge with that most kind family—the Ockeshausens.

Thurs. 15th

Wrote home & spend the rest of the day attending to a few little matters for friends & at the Rooms of the American Missionary Association.

Frid. 16th

Visited Rooms of the American Board—Saw the Cabinet—not large but a great variety—Visited Mr. Ockershausens Sugar Refinerery & was shown the process of refining—Think the principles might be used in simple way to partially refine the sugar of Liberia on the plantations—This evening came out to Allendale Station near Rev. Deyoes—& lodged with a member of his Mr. E Powel near the station as it rained all the xx afternoon.

Sat. 17th

Walked over to bro. Deyoes, with whom I am to spend the Sunday.

Sund. 18th

Morning lectured briefly to the S.S. at Christ's Church & there preached at the same place. Afternoon preached at Zion's Church & lectured same place again in the evening.

Mond. 19th

Took the early train for New-York—thence in the afternoon for Philadelphia & thence in the night for home.—All pretty well.

Tues. 20th to Frid. 23rd at home.

Frid. started early from Lan. for Philadelphia—attended to some business with the treasurer Martin Buehler & others & left for Bethlehem Pa. arrived late—no train to Easton—lodged at a mean hotel slept very little—

Sat. 24

Rose early—took train for White House N. J. was detained 3 hours at Easton reached White-house before noon—no stage to New Germantown till night—rain pouring down all day—got to ride in a wagon to Germantown 1½ miles. Reached bro. Day's at dark—

Sund. 25

Forenoon preached in Zion's Church New germantown N. J. Afternoon spoke to the S.S. School—& then was brought by bro. Day to this place German Valley where I spoke in bro. Hiller's Ch. also called Zions at night. Took tolerably good collection in each place. The Lutheran Church at New Germantown is one of the oldest Lutheran organizations in the U.S. & the edifice in which they worship was built about the year 1747—the building has been remod(e)led—& is a good substantial stone structure. Zions Church at German Valley is I think the finest church edifice that I know of in our entire church—in this country or small village—it far surpasses many of our city churches. Each of these two charges composed of one congregation, has a comfortable parsonage with a fine lot of good ground & the pastors appear to have around them almost every comfort & convenience. How different from many of our poor preachers in the West!

Mond. 26th

At German Valley—not very well—having slept but little last night.

Tues. 27th

Visiting some persons near German Valley—Lectured in the Lutheran Church at night.

Wed. 28th

Visited one or two families in the lower-part of the valley & got a few dollars additional to the collection for Foreign Missions. The people here however are not much interested in this cause. Their pastor is endeavoring to awaken an interest among his people on this subject.

Thurs. 29th

Spent forenoon at & near German Valley—Lectured at New Germantown tonight—people very attentive—With bro. Day.

Frid. Oct. 30
Came over to Spruce Run Church Hunterdon Co. N. J. Lodged with Rev. Strobel.

Sat. 31 AT
[redacted] Spruce Run.

Sund. Nov. 1st 1863
Morning addressed the S.S. & then preached at Spruce Run Church. Afternoon rode a few miles to New Hampton School House—then rode some 8 miles to Highbridge Church & preached at night—Lodged with Mr. G. P. Apgar.

Mond. 2
Came home. Found numerous letters—one from bro. Kistler at Muhlenberg Mission dated Aug. 27th—He was well & much pleased with the Mission—Mrs. Heigerd's health is still feeble & she will likely return home this fall.

Tues. 3rd
At home—Wrot(e) to Rev. Senderling, Dr. Morris, Rev. Reck, Jas. Walker, & Rev. Burnitz.

Wed. 4th
At home wrote to bro. Rice—telling him that as we were not prepared to send him to Africa & as he had a call to a field in this country I thought he would do right to accept it. ~~[illegible]~~ Attending to various home duties.

Thurs. 5th
At home.

Frid. 6th At home—Wrote out extracts from bro. Kistler's letter for the "Observer" & Lutheran & Missionary"—Visiting some here during the afternoon.—Today finished reading Bushnell's Christian Nurture—an invaluable book. Have been much instructed & edified by it.

Sat. 6th
Came down to Phia. to spend Sunday with Dr. Seiss & his people.—Visited Colonization Rooms & several other places—transacted some business with Mr. Buehler—called on Rev. Krotell & arranged to speak to his people tomorrow night.

Sunday Nov. 8th
Morning preached at St. Johns Church—Afternoon addressed the S.S. of that Church & at night preached at St. Marks Church. Have not been in a good mood for speaking today & am far from being satisfied with my days work. May the Lord help me to feel a deeper interest in the holy cause for which I am laboring.

Mond. 9th
Came home this evening—rather unwell.

Tues. 10th
Slept but little last night—This forenoon left home for Conference at Arendsville Adams Co. Pa. was kept one hour on the ferry boat—A flat towed by a small steam tug—the wind being very

strong & cold--landed at Wrightsville very much chilled & feeling otherwise uncomfortable--Toothache & neuralgia in my head among the ailments--reached Gettysburg about 7 Oclock--

Wed. 11th

Rested very little last night--had a tooth extracted this morning--only partial relief--feeling so unwell & learning that many of the members of the Conference would not be at Arendsville, I concluded not to go up. So I lodge tonight with Dr. Schucker, who is very kind.

Thurs. 12th

Came down to Oxford--Stopped with bro. John R. Hersh--who took me to Abbottstown to see bro. Hauer--Made arrangements to visit bro. Hauer's Charge in three weeks--Came back to bro. Hershe's where tonight I remain. This is one of the most intelligent & kind men that I have met for many a day. How refreshing to meet so good & reasonable a man. We had a long conversation on the affairs of the church--

Frid. 13th

Came over by hack from Oxford to Petersburgh--to Rev. P. Rabys. Kindly received--will spend the next two Sundays with him.

Sat. 14th

At Petersburg.

Sund. 15

Very rainy--Rode to Hampden in the morning only a few persons at the church on account of the rain--no services. Afternoon preached at St. Pauls Ch. near Pine Town--Small attendance on account of the rain. Liberal contribution for the number. Night preached or rather lectured at Petersburgh.

Mond. 16th

Attended a funeral with Rev. Raby at St. Pauls Church--at night lectured at St. Pauls.

Tues. 17th

Visited several sick persons with bro. Raby & preached at Hampden to a small audience of as indifferent a people to the claims of missions as I ever addressed--No success--people averse to the whole idea of For. Missions. Bro. Raby sick & unable to attend the meeting.

Wed. 18th

Came to Petersburg--reading some during the afternoon in Bledsoe's Theodicy. A good work which I have been carrying with me & reading at intervals for the last few weeks.

Thurs. 19

This being the day appointed for the dedication of the National Cemetary at Gettysburg & being only a few miles from the place this morning, attending a funeral with Bro. Raby I went into town with him & heard the concluding part of Wm. Edward Everetts noble oration & also heard all of the earnest pertinent dedicatory remarks of the President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. God bless our honest noble minded President--for his candor & earnestness of character for his devotion & industry in the work before him & also for his faith in the right & for his breadth of view & policy history will give him a prominent place among the rulers of great nations. The crowd was im-

mense & the order truly commendable. Returned to York Springs late at night.

Frid. 20th

Wrote to Revs. Kohler, Henry, Ehrenfeld, Williams & Rizer. Evening rode to neighborhood of Ches(t)nut Grove Chu(r)ch & there preached in evening—A good attendance & serious attention—hope that some good was done—Lodged with a Mr. Zigler—a good man.

Sat. 21st

Bro. Raby having an appointment for Communion at this—Grove Ch.—on tomorrow we had the preparatory services appointed for this afternoon but has rained hard most of the day & therefore the attendance was small—But I spoke briefly & with some apparent effect to the few who were present. Had appointment for tonight but on account of the rain recalled it & came into Petersburg, where I received a letter from my dear wife. She much laments my absence, & seems to be sad & discouraged in regard to her efforts in the training of our children—especially of Alice the oldest—of whom we had entertained in times past a hope that she was a Christian, but whose conduct recently has shown that our opinion was wrong. I too feel much perplexed & grieved by the faults she has manifested. May God lead her into true repentance & saving faith!

Sunday Nov. 22nd

Morning rode 6 miles with Bro. Raby to Bermudian Ch. & there presented the cause of our Missions & got a fair collection for the size of the audience—Rode 5 miles to Grove Church—preached a Communion discourse & aided in administering the Lord's Supper—Then briefly stated the condition of our Missions & took Contributions—Evening preached on Missions in Petersburg & took a contribution.

Mond. Nov. 23

Rose at 4½ oclock & took hack for Oxford—got breakfast at bro. John Hershe's & then rode with bro. Alex Hersh to Oxford where I am to remain till next Sunday. Bro. Hauer having appointments for preaching each night during the week wishes me to preach at least part of the time. Preached tonight, but not with much interest. I do desire to do some good here during the week may God help me! Wrote this afternoon to my dear wife.

Tues. 24th

A rainy day—& unpleasant evening—preached at this place—Abbottstown to a small audience.

Wed. 25

Still at Abbottstown—Preached tonight to a tolerably large number of people. More interest than heretofore.

Thurs. 26th

This being the day appointed by both the President of the U.S. & the Governor of this State for public thanksgiving I attended & conducted the exercises at this place. Spoke briefly on the propriety & importance of this observance & the special causes we have for thanks giving to God—Took dinner with bro. Wolf—Preached at night with some interest—& had very good attention.

Frid. 27th

Reading a good part of the day--Preached again tonight--
Audience attentive & solemn.

Sat. 28th

Wrote to Rev. Gotwald--Finished reading Bledsoe's Theodicy--
Upon the whole the most satisfactory treatise on the Free Agency of Man--
The existence of moral evil--& the justice of eternal punishment that I
have ever read. Could not fully without further thought & examination
adopt some of his most important positions. Have been benefitted much
by the work. Rainy today--Preached again tonight.

Sund. 29th

Forenoon, preached at Berlin & got a subscription of about $23.
Pretty good for the number present--considering the want of liberality
in our churches generally. Afternoon preached on Missions at Abbotts-
town & got contribution of $31. Much more than the people expected I would
get. Evening rode with bro. Wolf to Oxford & preached here tonight--
not a large attendance--good attention--Contribution upwards of $31-- very
good. Lodge with bro. John Hersh.

Mond. Nov. 30th

Came home this evening--having all day on the road in consequence
of the failure of Balt. train to make connexion. Thanks to Our Heavenly
Father we are all well.

Tuesday Dec. 1st

Arranging accounts--forwarding acknowledgments & remitting a
balance to the treasurer. Writing letters & attending to various home
duties.

Wed. Dec. 2nd. At home--

Thurs. 3rd

Wrote letters to Revs. Heiger & Kistler & copied them.

Frid. 4th. At home.

Sat.

Came to New Holland.

Sund. 6th

Lectured in the morning to the S. School. Preached forenoon--
Preached at night all at New Holland.

Mond. 7th

Came home--had company.

Tues. 8th

At home.

Wed. 9th

At home--had visitors.

Thurs. 10th

At home.

Frid. 11th

Wrote to Mrs. Heigerd--Left home for Littletown Pa. to operate for Missions. Arrived here a little after dark & found that Rev. Henry had made no appointments for me or in any way prepared the way for me to operate although he had previously agreed to my coming & I had written to him three weeks before, & had requested that if the time would not suit he would write to me & I would go elsewhere. He however neither wrote nor made any arrangement. He preaches German about half of the time in each of his three churches but could easily have changed his German appointments into English or could have made additional ones. He however did neither nor did he write to me not to come. Thus often I must lose my time just through the indifference of the pastors. It was at once plain to me that Rev. Henry neither desired me to be at his house nor to speak to his people. I therefore [illegible] having found an opportunity of going tomorrow morning to Taneytown Md. whence I can go by stage to Emitsburg will leave early in the morning for the former place. I lodge tonight with Mr. Miller having requested Rev. Henry to take me to one of his members.

Sat. 12th

Came this morning with a Mr. Trohter of Fred. Co. to this place Taneytown Md. Met Bro. Williams--as kind as ever & he promises to send me to Emitsburg earlier than the stage goes. I have already arranged to spend Sund. after next with him.

Afternoon--went to Emmittsburg--Bro. Gotwald gone to Millerstown--no appointment at Emmittsb. for tomorrow--Came back to spend Sunday here--leaving a note that I would spend next Sunday with bro. Gotwald. On coming here learned from Balt. papers that the M. C. Stevens has arrived from Africa. Must therefore go down Monday morning.

Sund. 13th

Rainy morning--Roads covered with water. Preached to a few people in Luth. Ch. at Taneytown & also to a small audience in a country church 6 ms. off afternoon--streams very full & difficult to ford. Lectured in town at night--Retire sad & disheartened at the little that I am able to do.

Mond. 14th

Rose early & took stage long before day light for West Minster Md. thence to Baltimore by cars. Reached Balt. at noon--Went direct to the P.O. to stop my letters from Africa from going on to Lancaster but was too late--they had been mailed a few minutes before--Great disappointment. Went then to Capt. Focke's to see Mrs. Heigerd who had just come ashore--Was too late again. She had just gone with Rev. Pinney to the depot for New-York. Hurried to the depot the cars just moving off-spoke to Mrs. Heigerd--could not even learn how the health of all was from her, but obliged to leave the cars & let her go on. Another sore disappointment--Had a short conversation with Capt. Focke & learned that the state of affairs at the Mission is encouraging. Learned from Dr. Hall that the Stevens will not return during the winter & that a ship will go from New-York about the first of Jan. Am therefore obliged to recall all my appointments down in this region & return home at once to make preparations for Mrs. Kistler's sailing, from New-York. With a sad heart have written letters to several brethren recalling my appointments & now am going home during the night.

Tues. 15th

Reached home this morning at half past 4 Oclock--All well--thank God!

Have received letters from Bros. Heigerd & Kistler at Muehlenberg Mission. They are encouraging & bro. Heigerd's especially are most pertinent & sensible & with all so full of humble devotion to the work that my eyes filled with tears & my heart throbbed with emotion of mingled joy & sorrow as I read this simple & touching epistle. Oh that the Lord would long spare his valuable life. Of all the men whom I have ever known as Missionaries Bro. Heigerd is the most prudent un-selfish & persistently zealous in the work. We may hardly ever expect to procure another such spirit.--Wrote to Mrs. Kistler, Mrs. Heigerd & Rev. Aughey. Also to Messrs. Yates & Porterfield & to my bro. Thomas.--Revs. Hiller, Strobel, Day, & Burrell.

Wed. 16th. At home.

Thurs. 17th

At home--commenced writing an article intended for the Review.

Frid. 18th

At home--Writing some. This evening received a letter from Mrs. Kistler stating that on account of the illness of her babe, that has never been well she will not be able to go out to the Mission on the next ship from New-York. Thus all my arrangements are again broken up!

Sat. 19th

Came over today to this place--Lionville--to Rev. Sentman's Charge, having before had the promise from him that at some time during the winter I should operate in his charge. Found him at home & very cordial.

Sund. 20th

Preached this morning at St. Matthew's Church & this afternoon at Lionville & took subscriptions each place. Tolerably good for the size of the churches. After services this afternoon came home with bro. Gilbert so as to be near the R.R. in the morning.

Mond. 21st

Came home--after going to Philadelphia & make some purchases, for my family--A sewing machine being the principal.

Tues. 22nd

At home--Wrote some letters &c.

Wed. 23

At home--wrote to John Schrack Esq. of Mansfield O. & to Mrs. Kistler.

Thurs. 24th

At home--Received a letter from James Walker Esq. of Bellefontaine O. inclosing a draft for $577 which he collected by law process of Mr. Harrauff to whom I had lent Mission money years ago & who has done all that he could to defraud the Mission. Am glad that the thing at last is ended. Wrote to Walker. Also to S. A. Bowman, & G. C. Griffin.

Frid. 25

This Christmas day I remain at home. Attended religious services at St. John's Church. Received brief letters from Revs. Heigerd & Kistler in Africa. News encouraging.

Sat. 26th

Came over this morning to Philadelphia where I ~~x~~ make some purchases for the Mission & after spending Sunday somewhere about this place to go on to New-York on Monday or Tuesday to complete the purchases & ship them to the Mission.

Sund. 27th

Preached in St. Michael's Church at Germantown--Lectured to the Sund. School & preached at night. The evening is very rainy.

Mond. 28th

Came down to Philadelphia this morning through a heavy rain & made some additional purchases. Lodged at Dr. Seisses.

Tues. 29

Finished the purchases & at 2½ took cars for New-York--Found Mrs. Heigerd at her brothers & had a long conversation with her about the state of the Mission--She is very hopeful about it, but is now suffering very much and cannot possibly return during the winter.

Wed. 30th

Purchased what additional articles were needed & arranged for putting all on board. Evening attended a Christmas Tree gathering at St. James Lutheran Church. Made a short address--with several others. Lodged with Mr. Ockershausen.

Thurs. 31st

Writing letters to the Mission. Having long thought that I would once go to the Theatre, if I had some proper company, I mentioned the fact to Bro. Ockershausen & he stated that both he & Rev. V.L. Conrad had been ~~introducing~~ speaking also of going--& he after speaking again to bro. C. arranged for us to go & procured tickets. So we went tonight--The play was moral--as most are said to be at Winter Garden--but yet it is not the place for me. I do not regret that I went, as I gained my object in going--that is merely to see what it is.

Frid. January 1st 1864

Was writing part of the day--evening visit Mrs. Heigerd & several others. The evening very cold.

Sat. Jan. 2nd

Spent a long time today in trying to get some Mission goods which have been at the Depot Pier No. 1 for several days, but could not succeed. The employees in the Depot I am certain put aside & scatter freight so as to get a special reward for hunting it up & delivering it to Draymen. I have been much vexed today--This evening closed my letters to the Mission.

Sund. Jan.3

Preached this morning at St. James Church on the subject of African Missions. Afternoon preached same place again & briefly addressed ~~them~~ the S. School. At night went to Brooklin & preached in the Mission Church served by Bro. Kuhns & then came back to Mr. Ockershausen's to lodge--These people are exceedingly kind.

Mond. 4th

Took cars for Philadelphia at 2 Oclock but coming upon a breakdown was long detained & did not reach Phia. till after 9 oclock at night--& having taken cold on Saturday, it was increased by the crowded & uncomfortable condition of the cars & on reaching Phia, I was very uncomfortable. But having business here before going home & all places of business now being closed I am obliged to remain till tomorrow.

Tues. Jan. 5th

Rose early attended to business with M. Buehler & others & at 11:40 took cars for home. Reached it half past 2. Too sick to do anything.

Wed. Jan. 6th

Was in bed all day--sore throat--headache--pains & soreness of muscles.

Thurs. 7th

Up again this afternoon--Wrote to Mr M. Buehler remitting $53.21 cash & acknowledgments for that & $130. more paid him day before yesterday--Wrote to Rev. Burrell & Mr. Baughman.

Frid. 8th

Still unwell cannot go out of the house--wrote to Dr. McGill, Liberia, also a letter Prof. Stoever inclosing $6. & one to Luth. Observer inclosing $2.

Sat. 9th

Wrote letters & also recommenced an article for the Evangelical Review.

Sund. 10th

At home all day--still very hoarse.

Mond. 11

Remitted $105.25 to Martin Buehler Treas. Will remain over this week at home--to aid bro. Wedekind at a Communion on Sunday, if well enough.

Tues. 12th

Wrote some letters.

Wed. 13th

Writing--Lectured at night for bro. Wedekind.

Thurs. 14th

Writing some.

Frid. 15

At home--Preached in the evening for bro. Wedekind.

Sat. 16th

Reading & writing.

Sund. 17th

Preached in the morning for bro. Wedekind & at night aided him in administering the Lord's Supper.

Mond. 18th

Writing.

Tues. 19th
Sent $44.09 to M. Buehler Treas.

Wed. 20th
Writing

Thurs. 21st
Sent off extracts of Mission letters to the Observer & Lutheran & also an article to Prof. Staever for the Ev. Review.

Frid. 22nd
Wrote to Yates & Porterfield in reply to a letter received today.

Sat. 23rd
Took the 1 Oclock train this morning for Indiana Pa. & arrived here this evening about 8 Oclock--having stopped at Blairsville to make arrangements for preaching there next Sunday--tomorrow week.

Sund. 24th
Spoke briefly to the S.S. here--Zions Church, Indiana in the morning--also preached on Missions same church in the forenoon--took a good contribution--Evening heard Rev. Williams of Blairsville preach a good discourse.

Mond. 25th
Came down to Pittsburg today to see Rev. Newman & make some arrangements for beginning here a special effort in behalf of the proposed Chinese Mission--but finding that some of the principal men are absent & that it would be well perhaps to have an interview with the council of the Pittsb. Church--Rev. Hill's--have postponed the effort till next week. Tonight went to hear John Gough lecture on Eloquence--pretty good--his manner of taking off some grievous faults in public speakers is admirable.

Tues. 26th
Came up this afternoon to Freeport to help bro. Brown at a meeting for a few days. Preached here tonight to an attentive audience.

Wed. 27th
Wrote letters to Revs. Conrad, Schmauk, Wedekind, Reimensnyder & Kuhns & also to Mr. Buehler & Mrs. Kistler--Am to preach here tonight --Preached here this forenoon.

Thurs. 28th
Preached this morning at Freeport & there wrote a letter to Dr. Greenwald. This afternoon came down to Pittsburgh on my way to Blairsville & here received a letter from my wife. All well at home--how much reason for gratitude that we all keep so well! Wrote to my wife & little ones.

Frid. 29th
Rose early & took cars before day light for Blairsville--From which place rode 6 ms. to Luther Chapel & preached at 11 Oclock A.M. Afternoon returned & lectured in the Lutheran Church of Blairsville.

Sat. 30th
Walked out to Luther Chapel & preached at 10 Oclock A.M.--Afternoon returned to Blairsville--leaving bro. Williams the pastor at Luther Chapel where he has Communion tomorrow.

Sund. Jan. 31st

Preached forenoon & took subscription for Missions & preached in the afternoon again at 3 Oclock--Visited & spoke briefly to the Sunday School. Lodged while here with Bro. Richardson, a kind brother & his wife is just as kind.

Mond. Feb. 1st 1864

Came down to Pittsburgh this morning intending to commence soliciting donations privately for the Chinese Mission. Visited & talked with a few men, but find that owing to the Churches being just now engaged in an effort to raise money for the purchase of a lot on which to build a new church, a general effort in behalf of the Chinese Mission will not succeed well. Have concluded only to start a list of subscribers of $100. on condition that ten names are obtained here & elsewhere. Wrote some letters. Received various letters--some from the Miss. in Africa which indicate that some trouble is brewing between the brethren there--which may the Lord prevent!

Feb. 2nd Tuesday

Wrote a short letter to the Lutheran Observer--also some other letters--Rev. Senderling &c. Commenced the $100 subscription & obtained three names--all perhaps that can be had here.

Wed. Feb. 3

Visited a number of persons & spoke with them in regard to the Miss. Received no more $100 subscriptions, but expect hereafter to get one more here at least & perhaps several smaller subscriptions--Wrote to Rev. Ehrenfeld--Lectured tonight for Rev. R. Hill.

Thurs. 4th

Writing Quarterly Report. Also wrote to Revs. Stelling & Benedict.

Frid. 5

Left Pittsburgh early in the morning for Leechburgh--walked 6 miles from the station on the Allegheny Valley R.R. to Leechburg.

Sat. 6th

Went with Rev. McKee to the neighborhood of one his churches--the South Bend Church--16 ms distant from Leechburg. The roads very muddy & wearisome to our horses. Lodged with Mr. Robert Townsend--a very gentlemanly & kind man, who is a member of the church.

Sund. 7th

Preached forenoon in the South Bend Church & took Sub. of $36. Rode 7 ms. to St. Michael's Ch. Stopping for dinner with Bro. Helfry, & preached at 2½ oclock afternoon--got sub. of $27. Rode hastily to leechburg 11 miles & preached at night--Having taken cold some days ago do not feel well.

Mond. 8th

Leechburg. Wrote a short communication for the Observer--Preached for bro. Kuhns at night.

Tues. 9

Preached in the forenoon & at night here Leechburg Pa.

Wed. Feb. 10
Preached forenoon at Leechburg & at 2 Oclock started on horse-back for Freeport Pa. Thence to Pittsburgh & thence home same night.

Thurs. 11th
Reached home this morning near 9 oclock. Found all all well—how merciful is our Heavenly Father! Received several letters & money inclosed in them. Wrote to Revs. Sentman & Acker. Also to Martin Buehler remitting $120.90—Paid Rev. Conrad 2 dollars for Luth. Observer.

Frid. 12th
Wrote to Dr. Kurtz. Went to Columbia & lectured there at night on Western Africa—

Sat. 13
Came home this morning—wrote to Rev. Senderling & Mr. M. Buehler—asking for $50 for Mrs. Kistler & remitting my due bill for the amount till the Committee meets.

Sund. 14th
Morning preached on Missions in Trinity Church—afternoon visited the Sunday Schools of this church & at night preached on Missions in St. Johns Church preparatory to an effort privately here in behalf of the Chinese Mission. May the Lord help us.

Mond. 15
After preparing a subscription book for bro. Neuman to use in the German Church I set out among the members of the English Churches & obtained subscriptions amounting to $140. Bro. Neuman, accompanied by the pastor of the German Church procured upwards of $60 which is encouraging.

Tues. 16th
Soliciting donations to Chinese Miss. Procured upwards of $50. Wrote to Mrs. Kistler sending her $50.

Wed. 17th
Procured a few more small contributions to the Mission this forenoon—Afternoon writing at quarterly report of my operations. Lectured tonight for Bro. Wedekind—Very cold weather—only a small number of people present—This is one of the coldest nights of the winter.

Thurs. 18th
Got a few more small contributions to the China Mission—finished my Quarterly Report & made preparations for leaving home for Philadelphia & thence to Easton Pa.

Frid. 19th
Came to Philadelphia—handed over to treasurer $70 for Chinese Mission.

Sat. 20th
Came to Easton & made arrangements for tomorrow.

Sund. 21st
Morning spoke briefly in both Lutheran Sunday Schools here, Easton Pa.—Preached forenoon in Christ's Church—Afternoon lectured to colored people in Lecture Room of Christ's Church & preached at night in St. John's Ch.

Monday 22

Commenced soliciting donations for the Chinese Mission with hard effort & by having many ~~xxfx~~ rebuffs got by night a little more than $50.

Tues. 23rd

Procured a few more contributions--& having now visited all the members of Christ's Church here, I prepare to leave for New-York to attend a meeting of the Ex. Com. May the Lord direct us in our deliberations & actions!

Wed. 24th

Committee Meeting New-York--Arrived here last night at 11 Oclock--Lodged at Frenche's Hotel. Met with the Committee this morning at 9 Oclock. The Committee passed the following, among others
Res. That while we do not see the importance or necessity of a canoe, we give him permission to purchase one, if he wishes at a cost of not more than $30.
Res. that we approve bro. Officer's answers to letters from African Mission.
Res. That in view of the probable necessity of enlarging the African Mission, that Bro. Officer see if another missionary ~~h~~ can be obtained, & that he prepare plans & estimates for the necessary buildings.
Res. That the question of the size of the lots on the reserve be left to the missionaries--with the recommendation that if they give the boys but five acres, that they claim their other five acres elsewhere"--

Closed Committee meeting about 5 Oclock visited Mrs. Heigerd & found her very feeble--I fear she will never return to the Mission--Evening procured two subscribers of $100. each to the Chinese Mission & of $50. Spoke briefly at Missionary Meeting at night. Take cars at midnight for Philadelphia.

Thurs. 25th

Reached Philadelphia before day light--Spent forenoon in trying to find some ~~xxxxxx~~ persons who I thought would give $100. each to the Chinese Miss. but could not find the men at home. Came home in the afternoon remitted a draft by Committee in my favor to the treasurer for $691.89--lifting due bills amounting to $482.40--amts of contributions to be acknowledged $89.75 & partial contributions $119.74.

Frid. 26th

Came to Johnstown Pa. to preach a few evenings for bro. Ehrenfeld--aid him at a Communion Service & also make an effort for Missions.

Sat. 27th

Preach a preparatory discourse--also at night preached again.

Sund. 28th

Morning preached & aided at Communion. The day very rainy & disagreeable--audience not so large as it otherwise would have been. At night spoke ~~in~~ on Missions & took contribution of upwards of $20. Night very dark & rainy.

Mond. 29th

Came down to Pittsburgh to complete the effort for the Chinese Mission. Met Father Heyer visited bro. Roth to consult about making application to his church for Mission aid. Lodge with bro. Hill.

Tues. March 1st Pittsburgh
Wrote to Yates & Porterfield, to Rev. J. M. Rice, & to Mr. N. Altemus. Evening went to Greensburg to see about operating in his church.

Wed. 2nd
Came down from Greensburg to Pittsburg. Lectured at night for Rev. Hill. Attempted during the day to procure some large contributions to the Chinese Miss. but did not succeed.

Thurs. 3rd
At Pittsburgh--intending to go to Greensburg last of the week--Wrote letters to Revs. Heigerd & Kistler at Muhlenberg Mission.

Frid. 4th
Procured subscription of $50 for African Miss.

Sat. 5th
Came very early this morning from Pittsburgh to Greensburgh.

Sund. 6th
Preached in the Lutheran Ch. of this place--Greensburg--& took contribution of $53. Afternoon addressed the S.S. which made a donation to Af. Miss. At night spoke again on Missions in Western Africa.

Mond. 7th
Came home today found all pretty well--found letters from M. Buehler, Rev. Rice, Rev. Lazarus, Yates & Porterfield & from Rev. J. Kistler at Muhlenberg Mission--stating that the work prospers, but that brol Heigerd's health fails & he must soon come home. Also a letter from Rev. Senderling.

Tues. 8th
At home--wrote to Rev. Rice & Rev. Fleck--Even attended meeting Jun. Miss. Soc. & spoke briefly.

Wed. 9th
Wrote short account of state of Muhlenberg Mission for each of the two church papers. Wrote to Rev. E. Schwartz De Soto Ill. remitting $3 to pay tax on my small lot of land there. Wrote to James Walker.

Thurs. 10th
Solicited donations from a few persons at Lancaster for Chinese Mission. Wrote to Mr. Diller at New Holland & to Mr. M. Buehler--remitting him $20 for China Mission & a check of $50 to loan to him for a time.

Frid. 11th
At home--Our little Kittie who has been sick for some days is still so ill that we have little rest at night.

Sat. 12th
Kittie seems no better; but I must attend to my appointments & therefore this morning left home for Lewistown--stopping on the way at Duncannon to see Mrs. Kistler. Having received a letter just before leaving home from my aged mother stating that she & my two sisters & brother-in-law were about to remove to north western Ohio & into a part of the country not at all healthful I have today felt very sad & dispondent. And having left our dear little Lizzie quite sick I am very uneasy about her. O that I could be more at home! Am weary indeed of this traveling.

Sund. 13

Preached this morning in the Lutheran Church here, but felt that the people did not sympathize with me—They did not contribute liberally & I now feel that I have not succeeded well today. May the Lord help me! May he guide me for I am much perplexed at times about my continuance in this work. Preached again tonight a large audience.

Mond. 14th

Bro. Rice with whom I have been corresponding relative to his going to Africa came in here last night according to appointment & this morning we have had a talk on the subject he is entirely willing to go—but having agreed to give his charge notice of his leaving three months in advance & there being now not more than two months till the ship will leave he cannot decide positively that he will go.—Evening went out today with bro. Rice to speak to some of his Church Council about his leaving, but did not find them at home. Returned here Lewistown & received a letter from home stating that little Kittie is better. Thank the Lord!

Tues. 15th

Came down this morning to Perryville—Reading during the afternoon.

Wed. 16th

At Perryville—Perusing the Book of Isaiah with reference to its missionary teachings. Evening lectured in Lutheran Church to a large audience.

March 17th Thurs.

Rode out 9 miles to St. Paul's Ch. & lectured at night to a pretty full house. Lodged with a Mr. Kelly.

Frid. 18th

Came back to Perryville—Read some during afternoon & lectured here again tonight—a large audience & good attention.

Sat. 19th

Came up this morning to Birmingham to spend Sunday with Rev. Crist. Received a few letters—one from Dr. Ziegler recommending bro. Lazarus as a candidate for appointment to Muhlenberg Miss.

Sund. 20th

Rode five miles to Sinking Valley & preached. Afternoon rode ten miles to a church on Spruce Creek & preached at night. The day very cold & the roads rough.

Mond. 21st

Came home—all well—letters from Coppinger Rice & Kemerer—wrote to all of them.

Tues. 22nd

Wrote to Bro. George Griffin, John Peters & to my sisters.

Wed. 23

At home—reading.

Thurs. 24th

Drew a plan & made out an estimate for a Boys House at Muhlenberg Miss.

Frid. 25th

Received a letter from Bro. Kistler--Encouraging--One from Bro. Rice stating that he will go to Africa--Attended service at Trinity Church. Wrote to Mrs. Kistler, Revs. Rice, Sell, Lazarus, & Senderling.

Having received a letter from a Committee of the Luth. Ch. at Bucyrus O. inquiring whether I would likely accept a call from that Charge--I today after some reflection replied that at present I could not say any thing definite--Could not answer till after meeting of General Synod, & advising if they had anyone else in view to secure him.

Sat. 26th

Went to Chambersburg.

Sund. 27th

Preached forenoon at Chambersburg--Lectured afternoon to S.S. & at night preached again.

Mond. 28th

Came home from Chambersburg--Wrote to Dr. Strobel.

Tues. 29th

At home--wrote to Thos. McDillon of Springfield Ill.

Wed. 30th

At home--a very stormy day. Wrote short extracts from Bro. Kistler's letter for the Lutheran & Missionary. Wrote to Mr. Copponger & to Martin Buehler remitting to him $50 for Af. Miss. from Mrs. Nicolls. Also $4 to pay for Phia. trip for Rev. J. Kistler. Wrote to Bro. Kistler, & copied.

Thurs. 31

At home--reading. Wrote to Rev. Hunt.

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At home wrote to Dr. Ziegler.

Sat. 2nd

Wrote to Rev. Settlemoyer. Came to York Pa.

Sund. 3rd

Morning preached on Miss. in Rev. Lilly's pulpit. Afternoon addressed Sunday School of Rev. Menges Church--Night preached at bro. Menges Church.

Monday 4th

Came home in the evening.

Tues. 5th

Finished soliciting donations to Chinese Miss. in Trinity Church Lancaster. A stormy day.

Wed. 6th

Went to Philadelphia. Paid over money to Martin Buehler.

Thurs. 7th

At home--wrote to Bro. Rice & Messrs Yates & Porterfield--also to Martin Buehler remitting money.

Frid. 8

Having been disappointed in my arrangements for next Sunday I came up to Birmingham in hope that it would suit to spend the Sunday at Water Street. Other arrangements here prevent.

Sat. 9th

A very rainy day, & cold--Came to Altoona & was cordially received by bro. Holman who being pastor here at once agreed that I should present the Miss. subject to his people tomorrow & solicit contributions.

Sund. 10th

Still raining as it did all night--roads very [illegible] deep--not usual attendance at church & therefore we postponed the collection, but I preached morning & afternoon lectured to Sunday School & also lectured again at night.

Mond. 11th

Came over this morning to Hollidaysburg to see if I could operate here next [illegible]--time did not suit--so returned to Altoona this evening.

Tues. 12th

Came home--Found a letter from Yates & Porterfield stating that their next ship will not sail for Africa as soon as before expected. Another letter from Rev. Settlemoyer advising me to go to Indiana Co. as soon as practicable to see about the one thousand dollar legacy bequeathed to the African Mission by the late Mr. Altemus of Brush Valley. Must go there soon. Wrote to Cor. Sec. of Ex. Com.--recommending the erection of a Boys' House at Muhlenberg--Bro. Rice's appointment to sail with his wife & Mrs. Kistler the first opportunity--The temporary recall of bro. Heigerd on account of ill health & the improvement of the present Mission house so as to accommodate two families till another house can be put up.

Wed. 13. At home.

Thurs. 14

This morning at 1 Oclock I rose & took the train for Indiana Co. to attend to the securing of the legacy bequeathed by Mr. Adam Altemus to the Africa Mission. Reached Indiana at about 2 Oclock & after an interview with Mr. Hildebrand & Mr. Taylor the attorney of the Executors of Mr. Altemus I concluded to have drawn up a release or quit claim & then endeavor to procure the signatures of the heirs. Lodged with Rev. [illegible] Hentz.

Frid. 15th

Rose early--took the half past five train at Indiana for Homer near which one of the heirs lives. Walked to McCoy's--thence to Mr. Dan. Altemus' & induced him to go with me to his bro. John's--gained his assent & arranged to have all the heirs who could meet at the town of Mechanicsburg tomorrow to execute the writing [illegible] before a Justice of the Peace. Walked to Mechan. 4 ms. procured a horse from Rev. Settlemoyer, rode to Mr. Nicholas Altemus thence inducing him to go along I walked two miles to David Altemus' & obtained his consent to the release. But the quit claim being drawn wrongly had to return to Indiana to [illegible] have it changed & again to consult the Attorney. Rode to Homer. Took cars for Indiana. Saw the lawyer arranged the papers & then came to Rev. Hentz where I lodge. This has been a rainy day, & the

roads are in a most horrible state.

Sat. 16th

Rose for the early train--went to Homer took breakfast--got my horse rode to Mr. Wolfs whose wife is an heir but found her unable to go to town so arranged to have the Justice and witnesses go out. Came on to Mechanicsburg--No squire in town--rode a mile below & procured one--returned & at 12 Oclock met the parties. Except Mrs. Wolf & David Altemus who were unable to come. The two administrators, being also heirs signified their willingness to waive their own claim & pay over theirs & the others portions as soon as the money was ready if the others would sign the release. They signed--We [redacted] went to Wolfs--She signed. Went to Davids--he signed. Then Nicholas paid me $[redacted] 300.00 of the legacy. Lodge with him. Today was rainy & cold--the mud still deeper. Snows tonight.

Sund. 17th

Went to the Lutheran Church--two miles off preached--went to Rev. Settlemoyer's & here remain for the night. Snow & rain. Very uncomfortable to be about.

Mond. 18th

Walked to Homer 5 ms took dinner--took cars to Indiana got a letter from home & started for Johnstown on my way to Lewistown to the ordination of bro. Rice. Lodge with Rev. Ehrenfeld.

Tues. 19th

Took the early train for Lewistown to attend the ordination of Bro. Rice as missionary to Africa. Evening delivered the charge to him after his ordination. Took the Midnight train for home--All Well! Thank God.

Wed. 20

Wrote to Mr. John Cunningham, & to Mr. Wm. Norting.

Thurs. 21 & Frid. 22. At home--

Sat. 23

Came to Newville Pa.

Sund. 24th

Morning preached in St. Peter's church--Afternoon & at night preached in Luth. Church of Newville.

Mond. 25th

Came home this afternoon--found all well--Received a letter from Springfield O. stating a very dear little niece of mine Alice Rogers has departed to the spirit world. We all feel the loss very much. She was a lovely child about 13 years old. May our Heavenly Father comfort her afflicted mother & sisters & brothers!

Yesterday our own Alice--our oldest child was received into connection with St. John's Lutheran Church of this place by the pastor Rev. A. C. Wedekind. She is a little more than 11 years old--& therefore young to assume the relation of Church Membership--but being convinced that she has an experience in the truth & is earnestly striving to live a Christian life we have given our full consent to her connecting herself with the Church. May the God of All Grace keep her unto everlasting life!

Tues. 26th. At home.

Wed. 27

Went to Philadelphia & returned tonight. Paid over some money to the Treasurer.

Thurs. 28th. At home.

Frid. 29th

At home—drawing plan for Mission house.

Sat. 30th

Came over to Mechanicsburg to visit the charge of Rev. Gelwic's(?). Am kindly received.

Sund. May 1st 1864

Morning rode 8 ms & preached at Zions Church, rode 7 ms. to New Market & preached again at 2 Oclock—Rode 8 ms. to Mechanicsburg & preached at tonight. A poor effort tonight—preached too long & was tedious towards the close. Feel mortified & sorry that I have not served the cause better.

Mond. 2nd . Came Home.

Tues. 3rd

Finished the plan ~~for~~ for the Mission house, & wrote my Report for the last two months as there will be a meeting of the Committee at the approaching General Synod.

Wed. 4

Came to York to attend the meeting of the General Synod. Heard Rev. Conrad preach tonight. Lodge with Rev. Menges.

Thurs. 5th

Dr. Sprecher—in the stead of Dr. Kurtz—the retiring president preached the opening sermon. It was very good. Synod organized by electing Dr. Sprecher President.

Frid. 6th

Spent in dispute concerning the admission of the Franckean Synod. Was not admitted, till it would change its basis.

Sat. 7th

The action on the case of the Franckean Synod reconsidered & the forenoon occupied in the discussion. Afternoon preparatory services. Night Dr. Morris addressed the Historical Society.

Sund. 8th

Attended services forenoon & afternoon & at night preached in one of the African Churches.

Mond. 9th

Rose early this morning—have written a request that the General Synod either decide that their action connected with the transfer of the Mission does not amount to an appoint of myself as Supt. of the Af. Miss. or if it does, to relieve me of its superintendence. We expect to have a meeting of the Committee today. May the Lord direct us! Especially may he enable me to know what I should do! The great diversity of doc-

trinal position manifested in the General Synod & the consequent confusion & inefficiency on that account make me feel much inclined to have nothing to do with the public enterprises of the Church.

Tuesday 10th

Still at Gen. Synod. Had a meeting of the Executive Com. of For. Miss. They very much oppose my withdrawal from the For. Miss. work.

Wed. 11th

General Synod still in session--though many have been excused & have left.

Thurs. 12

Gen. Syn. closed today--Some changes in the ratio of delegates & a change in the doctrinal basis of the Synod are about the most important acts of this session. But what they may result in is hard to tell. The Comm. have authorized me to investigate the matter of founding a Manual Labor School among the Freedmen of the Southern border & have promised to establish such a school if they can see the way open to do so. I think I will soon go down Washington & along the border of our Military possessions & see what can be done. Came home this evening. Found all well. Am weary & dispirited.

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Afternoon to S.S. & at night preached again.

Mond. 28th

Came home from Chambersburg--Wrote to Dr. Strobel.

Tues. 29th

At home--wrote to Mr. Thos. Mc McDillon--Springfield Ill.

Wed. 30th

At home--a very stormy day.

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